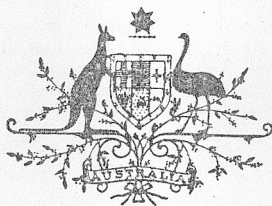


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# STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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### AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 30th September, 1941.			Population—Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1940.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,406,110	1,397,527	2,803,637	1,310,530
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	964,870	980,343	1,945,213	1,076,700
Q'land	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	539,577	497,540	1,037,117	335,520
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	300,017	302,268	602,285	(a) 330,000
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	242,601	224,713	467,314	228,000
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	120,279	117,596	237,875	66,620
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	7,671	2,716	10,387	3,900
A.C.T. ..	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	6,939	5,935	12,874	11,000
Total ..	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,588,064	3,528,638	7,116,702	3,362,270

(a) Approximate.

### ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b) (c)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1936	2,681,736	1,851,593	982,134	589,312	451,557	235,328	5,305	9,787	6,806,752
1937	2,710,738	1,859,487	993,461	591,201	457,111	238,990	5,354	10,248	6,866,590
1938	2,735,695	1,873,760	1,004,150	595,109	462,461	241,407	5,645	11,464	6,929,691
1939	2,764,782	1,886,356	1,018,477	598,463	467,376	242,422	7,187	12,263	6,997,326
1940	2,789,123	1,918,774	1,029,613	598,091	468,311	243,057	8,852	12,868	7,068,689

### ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b) (c)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1936	2,667,839	1,847,665	978,589	587,549	450,036	231,046	5,255	9,765	6,777,744
1937	2,694,679	1,856,033	989,668	589,143	454,295	233,951	5,411	10,195	6,833,375
1938	2,721,196	1,867,818	1,000,749	592,579	459,977	235,678	5,726	11,124	6,894,847
1939	2,749,134	1,881,942	1,013,327	596,137	465,042	238,001	6,273	11,990	6,961,846
1940	2,773,341	1,896,248	1,019,667	596,215	465,314	238,975	8,608	12,673	7,011,041

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results.

(b) Prior to 1911 part of New South Wales.

(c) Revised estimates based on the results of the Census of the Australian Capital Territory on 30th June, 1938, are as follows:—(i) 31st December—1936, 10,406; 1937, 11,043; (ii) Mean—1936, 10,295; 1937, 10,902.

(d) Adjusted mean population to be used for purposes of calculation of annual rates.

## BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Quarter ended 30th September, 1941.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
New South Wales	6,958	6,604	13,562	4,538	3,631	8,169	6,628
Victoria.. ..	4,384	4,192	8,576	3,224	2,973	6,197	4,625
Queensland ..	2,847	2,658	5,505	1,680	1,221	2,901	2,181
South Australia ..	1,458	1,374	2,832	993	884	1,877	1,474
Western Australia	1,269	1,258	2,527	816	507	1,323	1,228
Tasmania ..	656	683	1,339	385	340	725	471
Northern Territory	30	33	63	22	4	26	57
Australian Capital Territory ..	51	58	109	15	9	24	23
Total ..	17,653	16,860	34,513	11,673	9,569	21,242	16,687

State or Territory.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	First nine months of—	
						1940.	1941.

## BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales	46,193	47,497	47,319	48,003	49,382	36,690	38,199
Victoria.. ..	28,883	29,731	30,344	30,493	31,962	23,253	24,838
Queensland ..	18,755	19,162	18,992	20,348	20,412	15,609	16,018
South Australia ..	8,911	8,985	9,410	9,618	10,017	7,513	8,001
Western Australia	8,479	8,609	9,141	9,036	9,121	6,844	7,420
Tasmania ..	4,581	4,841	4,907	5,004	4,994	3,690	3,805
Northern Territory	113	99	102	138	173	134	160
Australian Capital Territory ..	158	207	200	251	286	201	272
Total ..	116,073	119,131	120,415	122,891	126,347	93,934	98,713

## BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

						(a)	(a)
New South Wales	17.31	17.63	17.39	17.46	17.81	17.65	18.38
Victoria.. ..	15.63	16.02	16.25	16.20	16.86	16.36	17.45
Queensland ..	19.17	19.36	18.98	20.08	20.02	20.41	21.03
South Australia ..	15.17	15.25	15.88	16.13	16.80	16.78	18.01
Western Australia	18.84	18.95	19.87	19.43	19.60	19.59	21.44
Tasmania ..	19.84	20.69	20.82	21.03	20.90	20.59	21.53
Northern Territory	21.50	18.30	17.81	22.00	20.10	22.86	14.31
Australian Capital Territory ..	15.35	18.99	17.98	20.93	22.57	21.08	29.01
Total ..	17.13	17.43	17.46	17.65	18.02	17.87	18.80

NOTE.—Birth, death and marriage-rates for the Australian Capital Territory have been adjusted in accordance with the revised mean populations set out in the footnote to p. 3.

(a) Equivalent annual rate.

## BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	First nine months of—	
						1940.	1941.

## DEATHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales	24,376	25,235	26,105	26,815	26,143	19,916	20,958
Victoria.. ..	18,778	18,613	18,955	20,169	20,293	15,418	15,243
Queensland ..	8,593	9,006	9,201	9,530	9,203	7,018	7,307
South Australia ..	5,464	5,247	5,539	5,739	5,708	4,389	4,706
Western Australia	4,230	4,065	4,234	4,336	4,486	3,340	3,571
Tasmania ..	2,387	2,225	2,288	2,426	2,387	1,830	1,969
Northern Territory	60	63	69	88	86	66	87
Australian Capital Territory ..	44	42	60	44	78	61	58
Total ..	63,932	64,496	66,451	69,147	68,384	52,038	53,899

## DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

						(a)	(a)
New South Wales	9.14	9.36	9.59	9.75	9.43	9.58	10.08
Victoria.. ..	10.16	10.03	10.15	10.72	10.70	10.85	10.71
Queensland ..	8.78	9.10	9.19	9.40	9.03	9.18	9.60
South Australia ..	9.30	8.91	9.35	9.63	9.57	9.80	10.59
Western Australia	9.40	8.95	9.20	9.32	9.64	9.56	10.32
Tasmania ..	10.33	9.51	9.71	10.19	9.99	10.21	11.14
Northern Territory	11.42	11.64	12.05	14.03	9.99	11.24	7.79
Australian Capital Territory ..	4.27	3.85	5.39	3.67	6.15	6.37	6.15
Total ..	9.43	9.44	9.64	9.93	9.75	9.90	10.26

NOTE.—See footnote to p. 4.

(a) Equivalent annual rate.

## MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales	22,873	23,188	24,579	25,471	30,364	22,256	21,186
Victoria.. ..	15,915	16,226	17,113	17,368	22,299	16,327	14,519
Queensland ..	8,306	8,353	8,853	9,108	10,287	7,710	7,051
South Australia ..	5,182	5,340	5,489	5,670	6,950	5,092	4,736
Western Australia	4,242	4,169	4,153	4,195	5,234	3,944	3,755
Tasmania ..	2,073	2,042	2,082	2,264	2,476	1,877	1,534
Northern Territory	41	69	67	85	154	115	125
Australian Capital Territory ..	77	61	75	88	125	93	85
Total ..	58,709	59,448	62,411	64,249	77,889	57,414	52,991



BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	First nine months of—	
						1940.	1941.

## MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

						(a)	(a)
New South Wales ..	8.57	8.61	9.03	9.27	10.95	10.71	10.19
Victoria ..	8.61	8.74	9.16	9.23	11.76	11.49	10.20
Queensland ..	8.49	8.44	8.85	8.99	10.09	10.08	9.26
South Australia ..	8.82	9.06	9.26	9.51	11.66	11.37	10.66
Western Australia ..	9.43	9.18	9.03	9.02	11.25	11.29	10.85
Tasmania ..	8.97	8.73	8.83	9.51	10.36	10.47	8.68
Northern Territory ..	7.80	12.75	11.70	13.55	17.89	19.54	11.22
Australian Capital Territory	7.48	5.60	6.74	7.34	9.86	9.75	9.03
Total ..	8.66	8.70	9.05	9.23	11.11	10.92	10.09

NOTE.—See footnote to p. 4.

(a) Equivalent annual rate.

## DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	2,008	1,932	1,980	1,969	1,927	1,402	1,753
Victoria ..	1,222	1,091	1,038	1,085	1,261	936	957
Queensland ..	679	683	784	722	721	546	707
South Australia ..	277	297	287	336	356	268	240
Western Australia ..	358	323	309	369	403	261	317
Tasmania ..	227	202	195	203	176	139	205
Northern Territory ..	3	3	6	8	8	8	12
Australian Capital Territory	4	3	8	6	3	3	5
Total ..	4,778	4,534	4,607	4,698	4,855	3,563	4,196

## INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	43.47	40.68	41.84	41.02	39.02	38.21	45.89
Victoria ..	42.31	36.70	34.21	35.58	39.45	40.25	38.53
Queensland ..	36.20	35.64	41.28	35.48	35.32	34.98	44.14
South Australia ..	31.09	33.06	30.50	34.93	35.54	35.67	30.00
Western Australia ..	42.22	37.52	33.80	40.84	44.18	38.14	42.72
Tasmania ..	49.55	41.73	39.74	40.57	35.24	37.67	53.88
Northern Territory ..	26.55	30.30	58.82	57.97	46.24	59.70	75.00
Australian Capital Territory	25.32	14.49	40.00	23.90	10.49	14.93	18.38
Total ..	41.16	38.06	38.26	38.23	38.43	37.93	42.94

## MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of (a) over (b).
	Males	Females.	Persons.(a)	Males.	Females.	Persons.(b)	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(c) 10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1936 ..	29,726	30,168	59,894	29,045	29,352	58,397	1,497
1937 ..	35,123	34,679	69,802	32,161	32,438	64,599	5,203
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1939 ..	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940 ..	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941 ..	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184

(c) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

**Section II.—Production.**  
**PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.**  
 AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1935-36 ..	11,956,966	1,564,171	297,616	3,007,470	335,094	19,974,042
1936-37 ..	12,316,862	1,524,861	317,710	3,100,876	359,328	20,602,595
1937-38 ..	13,734,951	1,408,422	320,207	2,982,465	369,896	21,951,731
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1939-40 ..	13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,249,512
1940-41 (a) ..	12,644,664	1,727,335	335,313	2,349,895	376,000	21,037,798

**TOTAL PRODUCTION.**

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1935-36 ..	144,217,769	18,720,774	7,467,705	3,497,677	4,500,907	646,541
1936-37 ..	151,389,952	16,662,279	7,246,383	3,447,647	5,445,740	782,834
1937-38 ..	187,255,673	17,165,061	6,816,612	3,423,753	5,494,610	810,319
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	823,086
1939-40 ..	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	928,621
1940-41 (a) ..	82,233,324	10,323,000	7,690,167	2,168,474	5,523,304	806,487

**AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.**

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(b)	Tons.(b)
1935-36 ..	12.06	11.97	25.09	1.16	18.84	2.71
1936-37 ..	12.29	10.93	22.81	1.11	21.26	3.06
1937-38 ..	13.63	12.19	21.29	1.15	21.48	3.17
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.14
1939-40 ..	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41 (a) ..	6.50	5.98	22.93	0.92	20.02	2.92

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Per acre of productive crop.  
 NOTE.—Estimated production of Cane Sugar 1941-42, 750,000 tons.

**AREA OF WHEAT.**

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1936-37	3,982,864	2,393,827	283,648	3,058,457	2,575,283	21,317	1,466	12,316,862
1937-38	4,464,664	2,686,057	372,935	3,161,739	3,026,420	21,081	2,055	13,734,951
1938-39	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1939-40	4,380,595	2,827,417	362,044	2,734,595	2,970,411	7,495	2,448	13,285,005
1940-41	4,453,963	2,672,728	322,099	2,560,390	2,625,401	8,038	2,045	12,644,664
1941-42(a)	4,228,000	2,878,000	350,000	2,500,000	2,687,000	8,100	2,000	12,653,100

**TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.**

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1936-37	55,668,000	42,844,816	2,016,236	28,714,653	21,549,000	570,895	28,352	151,389,952
1937-38	55,104,000	48,173,191	3,749,443	43,428,423	36,224,800	526,007	49,809	187,255,673
1938-39	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,786	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1939-40	76,552,000	45,054,592	6,794,906	41,071,696	40,861,000	107,719	45,393	210,487,306
1940-41	23,933,100	13,521,422	5,687,350	17,856,118	21,000,000	140,375	34,959	82,233,324
1941-42a	48,500,000	44,000,000	3,000,000	31,500,000	36,850,000	192,300	50,000	164,092,300

(a) Subject to revision.

**Principal Crops—Australia—continued.**  
**AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.**

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1936-37	13.98	17.90	7.11	9.39	8.37	26.78	17.98	12.29
1937-38	12.34	17.93	10.05	13.74	11.97	24.95	24.24	13.63
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.89
1939-40	17.48	15.93	18.77	15.02	13.76	14.37	18.54	15.84
1940-41	5.37	5.06	17.66	6.97	8.02	17.46	17.09	6.50
1941-42a	11.47	15.29	8.57	12.60	13.71	23.70	25.00	12.97

(a) Subject to revision.

**NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.**

31st Dec.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria. (a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N.Terr.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia.
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**SHEEP.**

1935	51,936,000	17,457,291	18,060,093	7,945,745	11,082,972	2,139,900	25,483	228,317	108,875,801
1936	53,166,010	17,663,103	20,011,749	7,905,112	9,007,535	2,233,655	11,162	244,378	110,242,704
1937	51,563,181	18,863,467	22,497,970	8,904,402	8,732,076	2,520,950	26,856	263,616	113,372,518
1938	48,876,693	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1939	54,372,472	18,251,870	24,190,931	9,940,570	9,574,433	2,677,120	38,587	259,408	119,305,391
1940b	55,568,000	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	40,000	281,791	122,700,322

**CATTLE.**

1935	3,388,538	2,091,246	6,033,004	335,354	882,761	270,035	900,535	10,186	13,911,659
1936	3,288,169	2,005,759	5,950,572	328,013	792,508	261,597	855,398	9,856	13,491,372
1937	3,019,581	1,880,429	5,959,165	324,163	740,241	252,812	891,640	8,325	13,078,356
1938	2,811,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	318,897	767,680	264,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1939	2,762,653	1,787,597	6,198,798	351,013	799,175	252,484	922,581	5,879	13,080,180
1940b	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,108	950,000	6,636	13,283,533

**HORSES.**

1935	542,862	356,106	441,075	197,368	160,181	30,626	35,152	1,060	1,764,430
1936	545,829	357,158	440,568	200,870	155,177	30,971	31,056	1,121	1,762,750
1937	528,625	359,106	445,916	197,334	151,067	31,578	31,662	1,225	1,746,513
1938	531,355	343,828	444,521	196,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1939	524,837	326,217	444,956	190,013	139,207	29,605	32,721	1,241	1,698,797
1940b	531,776	318,441	442,757	182,206	130,057	29,406	32,000	1,244	1,667,887

**PIGS.**

1935	436,944	314,301	304,888	93,458	98,026	45,163	555	629	1,293,964
1936	390,780	318,673	290,855	85,048	76,451	40,021	470	454	1,202,752
1937	356,765	285,259	282,941	66,647	64,598	43,067	388	417	1,100,082
1938	377,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1939	451,064	297,655	391,333	119,680	149,604	44,941	483	601	1,455,341
1940b	507,738	397,945	436,447	190,068	217,910	46,713	500	593	1,797,914

(a) March, year following.

(b) Subject to revision.

**WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.**

Season.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (b)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	Australia.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1936-37	505,375,065	163,048,510	153,766,368	76,604,206	69,935,210	14,067,000	35,000	982,831,449
1937-38	496,824,150	178,890,131	174,751,280	86,606,388	70,634,855	15,598,500	35,000	1,023,390,304
1938-39	439,049,939	165,829,182	179,458,589	102,838,121	78,802,143	17,519,000	35,000	983,581,974
1939-40	548,503,998	179,125,526	195,770,277	105,265,869	80,657,367	18,334,000	35,000	1,127,694,027
(c)								
1940-41	535,000,000	185,093,839	(e)	107,000,000	(e)	18,000,000	35,000	1,115,000,000
(d)								

(a) Including Australian Capital Territory.

(b) For year ended previous 31st December.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Preliminary estimates, subject to revision.

(e) Not yet available.

NOTE.—The figure of 195,770,277 lb. shown for Queensland for 1939-40 relates to production in the year ended December, 1939. The estimated production in the year ended June, 1940, was 214,360,000 lb.



## PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BUTTER.								
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1935-36..	125,163,296	148,132,507	115,920,415	20,964,305	12,908,745	10,613,358	13,849	433,722,475
1936-37..	109,830,751	154,769,391	87,474,757	20,892,369	12,360,924	10,918,278	15,223	396,261,693
1937-38..	120,882,732	141,321,445	118,244,260	22,428,298	15,373,334	11,997,323	14,218	430,261,610
1938-39..	118,820,717	130,573,918	157,625,746	20,716,584	16,244,449	11,835,500	17,416	455,834,320
1939-40..	116,813,692	164,826,094	142,846,421	22,938,381	15,551,189	11,861,190	15,507	474,852,474
1940-41(a)	108,200,000	157,000,000	120,900,000	21,300,000	15,500,000	10,500,000	20,000	432,520,000

## CHEESE.

	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1935-36..	7,356,203	10,973,804	9,149,283	8,103,663	865,482	2,150,281	..	38,698,716
1936-37..	7,417,640	13,350,124	7,789,890	12,164,819	1,012,139	2,994,227	..	44,728,839
1937-38..	8,004,873	16,466,038	11,963,445	15,516,879	885,418	3,770,189	..	56,606,842
1938-39..	7,485,907	19,554,061	15,768,543	18,457,593	980,254	3,399,626	..	65,645,989
1939-40..	6,803,510	24,495,121	13,848,936	20,550,047	846,301	3,240,328	..	69,784,243
1940-41(a)	6,470,000	18,800,000	11,700,000	19,500,000	950,000	3,200,000	..	60,620,000

## BACON AND HAM.

	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1935-36..	22,057,458	18,165,168	623,198,346	6,783,216	65,465,098	1,984,722	1,170	77,655,178
1936-37..	21,022,401	17,571,792	620,229,728	7,573,620	64,098,448	2,152,464	1,151	72,629,604
1937-38..	21,374,691	16,696,404	619,607,223	6,196,378	64,010,446	2,454,528	520	70,340,190
1938-39..	26,418,687	16,510,137	19,021,752	5,987,363	4,242,083	2,273,601	340	74,453,963
1939-40..	25,037,700	17,886,305	19,740,740	7,046,860	4,671,665	2,893,805	570	77,277,645
1940-41..	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	710	(c)

(a) Subject to revision.  
yet available.

(b) Excluding Bacon and Ham made from green bacon.

(c) Not

## QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Pig-iron. (a)	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Oz.	Ton.	Ton.
1935 ..	914,736	10,887,954	12,529	698,493	220,211	11,982,385	3,126	122,359
1936 ..	1,178,581	11,370,409	16,083	783,233	212,038	11,976,090	2,963	145,900
1937 ..	1,381,135	12,074,274	19,789	913,406	240,036	13,778,080	3,069	146,740
1938 ..	1,592,034	11,680,159	20,326	929,676	239,590	13,895,541	3,331	163,381
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	(b)	1,104,605	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1940 ..	1,643,999	11,725,683	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1941 ..	(c) 1,487,578	(d)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Year ended June.

(b) Not available for publication.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Not yet available.

## VALUE(A) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1935 ..	439,140	768,401	904,755	64,109	5,077,328	73,143	81,457	8,008,333
1936 ..	525,792	1,018,670	1,048,748	66,593	7,326,309	152,291	65,683	10,204,086
1937 ..	595,855	1,266,507	1,104,760	60,372	8,688,921	170,130	100,462	11,993,007
1938 ..	780,958	1,273,351	1,334,788	46,922	10,286,349	195,079	109,168	14,026,615
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,472
1940 ..	1,068,692	1,924,396	1,351,654	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	238,849	17,519,950

## SILVER AND LEAD.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1935 ..	3,189,388	642	755,899	..	12,687	63,713	..	4,022,329
1936 ..	3,820,785	525	899,101	357	14,001	215,449	..	4,950,218
1937 ..	4,310,613	491	1,172,531	371	27,844	308,262	328	5,820,440
1938(b)	3,520,465	647	926,614	70	29,477	267,773	..	4,745,046

(a) Except for Gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency.

(b) Later figures are not available for publication.



## Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	Aust.
COPPER.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1934 ..	25,398	..	95,903	8,475	..	267,342	..	397,118
1935 ..	30,071	..	101,489	11,065	..	464,007	..	606,632
1936 ..	53,687	..	161,688	22,609	97	556,734	1,871	796,686
1937 ..	72,406	..	308,968	21,620	986	759,332	(b)55	1,163,367
1938(c)	87,905	..	203,967	15,333	1,275	580,238	(b)4,362	893,080

TIN.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1934 ..	328,180	3,886	179,404	..	6,765	219,246	9,566	746,997
1935 ..	287,890	14,475	187,234	..	8,829	258,919	6,036	763,383
1936 ..	268,454	14,750	157,889	..	6,882	206,656	4,176	658,807
1937 ..	336,628	44,127	202,614	..	12,421	260,673	(b)7,205	863,668
1938(c)	286,768	28,650	141,547	..	7,421	244,037	(b)3,205	711,628

COAL (Black and Brown).								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1935 ..	4,887,341	599,697	843,034	..	318,013	86,204	..	6,734,289
1936 ..	5,126,850	577,749	858,732	..	331,565	92,269	..	6,087,165
1937 ..	5,823,469	497,319	934,107	..	340,444	66,883	..	7,662,222
1938 ..	5,603,842	539,822	958,884	..	375,083	61,991	..	7,539,622
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1940 ..	6,125,585	622,001	1,151,567	..	364,500	63,688	..	8,327,341

ALL MINERALS.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1935 ..	9,210,820	1,394,253	2,887,440	2,498,617	6,107,990	1,071,507	76,900	23,247,527
1936 ..	10,136,789	1,623,003	3,613,511	2,513,359	7,771,454	1,624,036	98,661	27,380,753
1937 ..	11,981,891	1,832,195	4,392,492	2,509,449	9,230,182	2,282,365	(b)205,851	32,434,425
1938 ..	10,731,391	1,884,015	3,966,119	2,932,473	10,844,469	1,889,804	(b)214,724	32,462,995
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,066,741	(b)244,478	36,838,814
1940(d)	12,750,000	2,596,000	5,106,000	3,282,000	13,223,000	2,812,000	(b)311,000	40,080,000

(a) Year ended 30th June. (b) Year ended December.

(c) Later figures are not available for publication.

(d) Subject to revision.

## ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee-farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing. (a)	Total.
	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000	£1,000.	£1,000.	£1,000.
1934-35 ..	68,587	74,556	44,763	10,856	19,949	137,638	356,349
1935-36 ..	75,388	91,286	47,533	11,424	23,248	155,891	404,770
1936-37 ..	91,403	105,499	49,886	11,765	27,381	170,811	456,745
1937-38 ..	93,229	100,794	57,641	14,755	32,434	188,061	486,914
1938-39 ..	76,851	84,895	60,404	14,634	32,463	195,746	464,993
1939-40 ..	95,369	104,972	62,070	15,347	36,839	212,488	527,085

(a) Net value. These amounts differ from those given in the following tables, owing to the inclusion in those tables of certain products which in this table are included with Dairy Farming and Forestry.

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1934-35	24,211	449,598	72,824,549	232,845,393	209,047,017	143,816,160	365,201,384
1935-36	24,894	492,771	82,098,288	239,840,993	238,974,797	162,437,363	414,688,465
1936-37	25,668	523,948	90,123,132	246,203,232	260,578,903	177,684,645	451,829,278
1937-38	26,395	559,160	102,078,550	257,998,600	287,243,412	196,488,024	498,779,141
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1939-40	27,111	587,663	114,517,633	285,209,557	315,076,697	221,295,153	553,253,317

(a) Including working proprietors.

(b) Excluding amounts drawn by working proprietors.

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—DETAILS FOR STATES.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,484	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Hands employed(a) .. „	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	44,606,497	36,026,542	10,887,229	8,169,350	4,573,553	2,479,886	106,743,062
4. Value of fuel used .. £	7,651,627	3,999,934	1,423,549	1,017,537	1,169,263	433,006	15,699,921
5. „ materials used .. £	120,501,795	82,971,608	42,596,049	20,308,797	9,603,657	5,321,540	281,303,446
6. „ production .. £	90,265,891	65,996,069	19,301,475	13,678,930	8,775,586	5,398,659	203,416,610
7. „ output of fact's .. £	218,419,313	152,967,611	63,321,073	35,005,264	19,548,511	11,158,205	500,419,977
8. „ land & buildings .. £	57,353,625	42,026,245	12,299,089	8,710,700	6,813,653	3,717,102	130,920,414
9. „ plant & mchry. £	62,692,956	38,626,743	18,095,415	9,749,679	8,095,064	6,402,270	143,662,127

1939-40.

1. Factories .. No.	9,458	9,215	3,064	2,265	2,129	980	27,111
2. Hands employed(a) .. „	236,974	212,461	55,541	45,050	22,967	14,670	587,663
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	47,692,551	39,576,293	11,440,661	8,546,800	4,575,180	2,686,148	114,517,633
4. Value of fuel used .. £	8,135,614	4,358,419	1,538,782	1,130,137	1,198,194	520,321	16,881,467
5. „ materials used .. £	134,453,735	95,917,551	46,241,222	22,162,881	10,081,364	6,219,944	315,076,697
6. „ production .. £	96,609,307	74,028,431	20,973,138	14,403,520	9,027,728	6,253,029	221,295,153
7. „ output of fact's .. £	239,198,656	174,304,401	68,753,142	37,696,538	20,307,286	12,993,294	553,253,317
8. „ land & buildings .. £	58,939,150	43,791,176	12,456,458	9,539,249	6,863,468	3,775,605	135,365,106
9. „ plant & mchry. £	64,801,584	40,905,886	18,217,831	11,106,194	8,025,068	6,787,888	149,844,451

1940-41 (c)

1. Factories .. No.	9,919	9,121		2,232			
2. Hands employed (a) .. „	264,600	237,639		53,000			
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	57,759,532	49,777,000		11,000,000			
4. Value of fuel used .. £	9,620,123	5,133,000		1,300,000			
5. „ materials used .. £	161,252,339	115,208,000	(d)	26,700,000	(d)	(d)	(d)
6. „ production .. £	115,044,388	89,164,000		17,700,000			
7. „ output of fact's .. £	285,916,850	209,511,000		45,700,000			
8. „ land & buildings .. £	61,886,528	47,093,000		(d)			
9. „ plant & mchry. £	68,533,346	44,285,000		(d)			

(a) Including working proprietors.

(b) Excluding amounts drawn by working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Not yet available.

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	4,179,984	4,850,039	5,146,151	5,167,331
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	4,686,428	5,437,312	5,571,757	5,544,215
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	11,312,766	11,909,939	12,456,370	14,154,787
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	52,744,592	60,143,682	62,434,973	67,121,371
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	857,761	956,652	931,085	1,034,742
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	9,828,156	10,262,066	10,917,765	14,070,938
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,117,433	3,001,056	3,182,881	3,807,146
VIII. Clothing ..	14,625,535	15,867,392	16,551,031	17,458,783
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	36,225,703	40,393,914	41,601,107	45,436,266
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	8,374,617	9,312,921	9,460,742	10,080,889
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	3,815,257	4,270,599	4,200,035	4,183,018
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	12,794,742	14,188,137	14,559,073	15,358,198
XIII. Rubber ..	2,303,302	2,461,962	2,761,075	3,089,764
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	137,594	144,403	136,432	141,324
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	1,917,630	2,180,438	2,097,998	2,432,047
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	10,763,145	11,107,512	11,408,135	12,214,334
Total ..	177,684,645	196,488,024	203,416,610	221,295,153

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1939-40.**

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(a) ..	19.94	22.71	16.64	22.67	22.53	20.67	20.70
Fuel and Light ..	3.40	2.50	2.24	3.00	5.90	4.00	3.05
Materials used ..	56.21	55.03	67.26	58.79	49.64	47.87	56.95
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	20.45	19.76	13.86	15.54	21.93	27.46	19.30
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	49.37	53.45	54.55	59.34	50.68	42.96	51.75

(a) Excluding amounts drawn by working proprietors.

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)**

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1936-37—Males ..	216.29	205.93	225.78	205.31	218.47	198.06	212.44
Females ..	92.71	96.97	86.58	83.21	90.59	86.10	93.52
1937-38—Males ..	230.39	218.89	232.20	212.08	227.42	205.96	224.35
Females ..	99.41	103.62	91.25	85.65	93.36	91.26	99.69
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1939-40—Males ..	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	215.82	239.08
Females ..	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	97.41	108.09

(a) Excluding working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

**MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed, 1939-40.**

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	172,259	143,238	45,026	36,326	18,331	11,754	426,934
Females ..	64,715	69,223	10,515	8,724	4,636	2,916	160,729
Masculinity(a) ..	266	207	428	416	395	403	266

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

**Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.**

**SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.—AUSTRALIA.**

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1933-34 ..	4,481,616	870,955	5,352,571	4,770,663	640,647	5,411,310
1934-35 ..	4,846,060	1,148,190	5,994,250	5,340,159	554,635	5,894,794
1935-36 ..	5,290,675	947,001	6,237,676	5,598,276	708,608	6,306,884
1936-37 ..	5,440,911	833,279	6,274,190	5,611,826	725,755	6,337,581
1937-38 ..	5,911,146	1,217,258	7,128,404	6,078,499	1,014,559	7,093,058
1938-39 ..	5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713

NOTE.—Later figures are not available for publication.



# OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped, States. (,000 omitted.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns, but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.
1938-39.								
New South Wales ..	3,167	676	1,179	1,112	2,736	672	1,679	359
Victoria ..	2,283	251	1,465	609	867	256	589	270
Queensland ..	325	396	340	176	317	152	864	64
South Australia ..	853	223	497	184	2,630	260	1,171	91
Western Australia ..	158	175	647	94	55	65	768	175
Tasmania ..	285	259	78	13	614	324	67	134
Northern Territory ..	3	23	2	3	2	2	..	..
Total ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,133	1,093
Total 1937-38 ..	6,909	2,114	4,366	2,280	7,032	1,877	5,731	1,088
" 1936-37 ..	6,416	1,830	3,656	2,024	6,501	1,597	5,028	933
" 1935-36 ..	5,241	1,964	3,532	1,949	5,541	1,503	5,214	894
" 1934-35 ..	5,070	1,656	2,970	1,722	5,244	1,346	5,221	858

NOTE.—Later figures are not available for publication.

## OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—  
18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

### FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator) ..	5s. 8d. per box (56 lb.).
Cheese (Refrigerator) ..	1½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell) ..	168s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—	
Beef ..	1½d. per lb.
Lamb ..	1½d. " "
Mutton ..	1½d. " "
Rabbits and Hares ..	122s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins ..	107s. " " "
Sausage Casings (dried in casks or cases) ..	107s. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed) ..	107s. " " "

### FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

*Sugar ..	153s. per ton weight.
Jams ..	85s. per ton measurement.
Jellies ..	107s. " " "
Dried Fruits ..	85s. " " "
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator) ..	6s. per bushel case.
Oranges (bushel cases) ..	6s. " " "
*Wheat, Unprepared, Parcels ..	135s. 6d. per ton weight.
*Barley, Unprepared ..	150s. 9d. " " "
*Oats, Unprepared ..	160s. " " "
*Maize, Unprepared ..	149s. " " "
*Flour, Wheaten ..	145s. 6d. " " "
*Bran ..	164s. " " "
*Pollard ..	155s. " " "
*Rice (clean, husked) ..	157s. " " "
WINE ..	107s. per ton measurement.

### ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—Calf ..	½d. per lb.
Cattle ..	..
Sheep ..	1½d. per lb.
Rabbit ..	2½d. " " "
Other ..	2½d. " " "
Pearl-shell ..	107s. per ton measurement.
Wool—Greasy ..	1½d. per lb.
Scoured and Washed ..	..
Tops ..	2½d. per lb.

### VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder ..	107s. per ton measurement.
*Bark, Tannin ..	107s. per ton weight.
Copra ..	104s. 3d. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood ..	107s. " " "
Raw Cotton (in bales) ..	1½d. per lb. " " "



# Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st December, 1941—continued.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—		
Apparel and Attire .. .. .	107s. per ton measurement.	
Binder Twine .. .. .	187s. per ton weight.	
OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—		
Oils, Eucalyptus .. .. .	107s. per ton measurement.	
Other .. .. .	120s. 3d. per ton weight.	
Tallow, Unrefined .. .. .	120s. 3d. " " "	
PAINTS AND VARNISHES .. .. .	107s. per ton measurement.	
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—		
Ore (in casks) .. .. .	126s. per ton weight.	
*Zinc, Ex Risdon .. .. .	56s. " " "	
*Other than above .. .. .	81s. " " "	
Dust (in cases) .. .. .	252s. " " "	
Sheet (in cases) .. .. .	110s. " " "	
*Copper .. .. .	90s. " " "	
*Lead .. .. .	81s. " " "	
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.) .. .. .	111s. " " "	
" (over 20 and up to 30 ft.) .. .. .	127s. " " "	
Tyres .. .. .	94s. 6d. " " "	
Tin, Clippings in Ingot form .. .. .	36s. 6d. " " "	
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND		
SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—		
Rubber .. .. .	96s. 8d. per ton measurement.	
Leather .. .. .	234s. 3d. per ton weight.	
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—		
Timber, Logs up to 40 ft. lengths .. .. .	40s. per 100 super. feet.	
" over 40 and up to 50 ft. lengths .. .. .	43s. " " "	
" over 50 and up to 60 ft. lengths .. .. .	46s. 3d. " " "	
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30 ft. lengths .. .. .	23s. 6d. " " "	
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS .. .. .	107s. per ton measurement.	
STATIONERY .. .. .	107s. " " "	
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—		
Fertilizers .. .. .	107s. " " "	
MISCELLANEOUS—		
Soap .. .. .	107s. " " "	
Cascein .. .. .	168s. 3d. " " "	
SPECIM .. .. .	25s. per cent.	

## INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

Interstate rates are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge varying from 15 per cent to 22½ per cent.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To—	From—		
	Brisbane.	Sydney.	Melbourne.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane .. .. .	21 0	21 0	30 0
Sydney .. .. .	30 0	20 0	20 0
Melbourne .. .. .	38 0	30 0	20 0
Adelaide .. .. .	48 0a	43 0	33 0
Fremantle .. .. .	54 6b		
Hobart .. .. .	44 6c	20 0	20 0
Launceston .. .. .	39 0a	20 0	13 0
	40 6c		
	34 0a		
Devonport .. .. .	40 6c	20 0	18 0
Burnie .. .. .	34 0a		
Auckland .. .. .	..	43 3	43 3
Wellington .. .. .	..	43 3d	43 3d
Lyttleton .. .. .	..	43 3	43 3
Dunedin .. .. .	..	78 0f	78 0f
		43 3	43 3
		78 0f	78 0f
New Hebrides, Solomon Islands (British), and Territory of New Guinea (Rabaul) .. .. .	72 0	72 0	100 6
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	60 0	92 0
Papua .. .. .	..	72 0	100 6

(a) Direct.

(b) Transhipped at Sydney.

(c) Including transshipment.

(d) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement charges, 1s.

(e) Transhipped at Sydney, plus 1s., Wellington Harbour Improvement charges.

(f) Transhipped at Wellington, plus 1s., Wellington Harbour Improvement charges.

## COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA IMPORTS.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

State or Territory.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40. (a)	1940-41. (a)
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales .. ..	40,955,861	51,062,361	46,347,953		
Victoria .. ..	32,593,726	39,222,998	35,455,336		
Queensland .. ..	6,904,102	8,237,506	7,955,818		
South Australia .. ..	5,438,429	7,473,902	5,851,043	(b)	(b)
Western Australia .. ..	5,657,562	6,394,342	5,383,710		
Tasmania .. ..	1,032,662	1,539,345	1,133,086		
Northern Territory .. ..	58,120	44,703	29,406		
Total .. ..	92,640,462	113,975,060	102,156,352	115,675,505	108,650,056

## VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA EXPORTS.(c)

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

State or Territory.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40. (a)	1940-41. (a)
	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales .. ..	57,302,512	48,411,644	45,903,080		
Victoria .. ..	43,587,046	41,243,667	30,819,012		
Queensland .. ..	23,893,265	26,558,516	28,651,842		
South Australia .. ..	16,748,140	19,057,243	14,840,603	(b)	(b)
Western Australia .. ..	17,295,787	19,471,792	17,070,499		
Tasmania .. ..	3,522,789	2,831,205	3,198,547		
Northern Territory .. ..	26,645	6,053	12,729		
Total(d) .. ..	162,376,784	157,580,120	140,496,312	148,749,558	134,737,577

(a) Merchandise only (b) Not available for publication (c) Goods destined for overseas countries are largely transferred from one State to another for transshipment to the overseas country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally dispatched. (d) Estimated British currency values are shown below.

## EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE OF, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head.														
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.												
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.										
	£	£	£	£	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1936-37	222,304,780	92,640,462	126,501,534	3,162,784	129,664,318	32	13	5	13	12	4	18	11	9	0	9	4	19	1	1
1937-38	239,812,939	113,975,060	122,675,945	3,161,934	125,837,879	34	18	9	16	12	1	17	17	5	0	9	3	18	6	8
1938-39	214,357,724	102,156,352	108,188,167	4,013,205	112,201,372	30	18	10	14	14	11	15	12	4	0	11	7	16	3	11
1939-40	234,437,627	115,675,505	117,280,891	1,481,231	118,762,122	33	10	2	16	10	8	16	15	3	0	4	3	16	19	6
1940-41	216,224,968	108,650,056	106,015,055	1,559,857	107,574,912	30	16	9	15	9	11	15	2	5	0	4	5	15	6	10
1941-42 (three mths.)	63,225,962	35,358,020	27,513,899	354,043	27,867,942															

(a) Excluding the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' Stores in Australian currency were:—1936-37, £1,740,437; 1937-38, £2,091,249; 1938-39, £2,105,619; 1939-40, £2,539,848; 1940-41, £3,528,555. (b) Merchandise only.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
1936-37	£ 90,591,580	£ 2,048,882	£ 92,640,462	£ 118,001,123	£ 11,663,195	£ 129,664,318	£ 27,409,543	£ 9,614,313	£ 37,023,856
1937-38	111,733,254	2,241,806	113,975,060	112,281,676	13,556,203	125,837,879	548,422	11,314,397	11,862,819
1938-39	99,313,150	2,843,202	102,156,352	97,032,575	15,168,797	112,201,372	-2,280,575	12,325,595	10,045,020
1939-40	115,675,505	(c)	(c)	118,762,122	(c)	(c)	3,086,617	(c)	(c)
1940-41	108,650,056	(c)	(c)	107,574,912	(c)	(c)	-1,075,144	(c)	(c)
1941-42 (three mths.)	35,358,020	(c)	(c)	27,867,942	(c)	(c)	-7,490,078	(c)	(c)

(a) The values in Australian currency were:—1936-37, £147,796,407; 1937-38, £140,632,800; 1938-39, £121,533,300; 1939-40, £149,749,558; 1940-41, £134,737,577; and 1941-42 (three months), £34,904,597. (b) The values in Australian currency are shown above. (c) Not available for publication.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes decrease

## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the September Quarters of 1940 and 1941, the calendar years 1939 and 1940, and the financial years 1939-40 and 1940-41.

Division.	September Quarter.		Year.		Financial Year—	
	1940.	1941.	1939.	1940.	1939-40.	1940-41.
<b>CUSTOMS.</b>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages ..	203,004	326,297	1,354,234	1,100,613	1,451,319	965,618
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof ..	1,068,474	1,430,381	4,116,563	4,332,924	4,284,510	4,989,565
3. Sugar ..	2,329	1,570	5,632	5,731	5,812	6,606
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries ..	257,697	304,395	1,553,033	1,261,935	1,489,248	1,180,760
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire ..	733,464	556,403	2,846,300	3,004,551	3,251,369	2,081,199
6. Metals and Machinery ..	427,183	399,004	2,382,653	1,868,451	2,308,002	1,384,533
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	3,481,723	1,887,090	10,907,119	12,888,702	12,370,444	12,013,223
8. Earthenware, &c. ..	87,709	81,582	449,864	374,206	453,059	277,703
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	77,180	78,761	331,355	358,248	334,160	260,464
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	94,317	60,114	704,291	521,538	669,604	345,465
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	112,433	131,749	474,061	547,109	593,644	479,820
12. Leather and Rubber ..	83,120	135,586	501,062	406,302	510,226	377,798
13. Paper and Stationery ..	67,326	42,425	443,955	337,256	444,102	191,654
14. Vehicles ..	230,297	289,389	1,881,571	1,215,231	1,602,003	508,605
15. Musical Instruments ..	3,077	1,748	26,245	12,674	19,673	7,542
16. Miscellaneous ..	233,172	243,803	1,111,229	1,088,847	1,253,716	800,210
Primage ..	1,062,367	957,268	4,114,194	4,661,875	4,810,405	3,623,635
Ships' Stores ..	12,113	10,024	60,939	47,658	50,510	41,341
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	17,024	18,574	73,527	73,082	73,996	80,698
Special War Duty ..	482,012	379,673	..	1,186,777	307,896	1,456,738
<b>Total Customs ..</b>	<b>8,736,021</b>	<b>7,335,836</b>	<b>33,337,827</b>	<b>35,293,710</b>	<b>36,333,698</b>	<b>31,078,182</b>
<b>EXCISE.</b>						
Beer ..	2,060,522	2,759,502	7,812,336	10,278,854	8,838,927	11,841,156
Carbonic Acid Gas ..	..	28,443	..	25,355	..	90,019
Cigarette Papers ..	165,728	227,962	572,805	566,743	546,804	690,651
Matches ..	21,492	90,747	88,641	122,186	91,972	244,825
Petrol ..	388,816	407,480	696,504	1,274,136	990,472	1,802,912
Playing Cards ..	3,107	3,881	13,103	18,530	14,273	13,456
Spirits ..	524,038	986,030	1,987,845	2,122,939	2,121,340	2,541,499
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff ..	1,648,493	2,325,179	6,573,817	6,777,618	6,566,740	7,805,895
Other Excise, including Licences, &c. ..	29,349	45,429	101,964	116,537	107,546	131,201
<b>Total Excise..</b>	<b>4,841,545</b>	<b>6,874,653</b>	<b>17,847,015</b>	<b>21,308,898</b>	<b>19,278,079</b>	<b>25,161,613</b>
<b>Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections</b>	<b>13,577,566</b>	<b>14,210,489</b>	<b>51,184,842</b>	<b>56,602,608</b>	<b>55,611,777</b>	<b>56,239,795</b>
<b>Drawbacks and Re-payments ..</b>	<b>493,997</b>	<b>506,281</b>	<b>1,589,236</b>	<b>1,759,951</b>	<b>1,790,750</b>	<b>2,463,395</b>
<b>TOTAL NET REVENUE ..</b>	<b>13,083,569</b>	<b>13,704,208</b>	<b>49,595,556</b>	<b>54,842,657</b>	<b>53,821,027</b>	<b>53,776,400</b>



# VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.  
(Subject to revision.)

## IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.</b>				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins .. ..	81,094	50,676	378,481	619,950
Fresh, Smoked, Potted &c.	68,001	40,342	302,996	196,675
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins .. ..	1,239	900	5,385	5,305
Potted and Concentrated ..	7,539	3,397	42,112	27,871
Sausage Casings .. ..	52,323	85,179	292,483	177,601
Other .. ..	29	62	800	296
Milk and Cream .. ..	32	578	3,008	957
Other Animal Foodstuffs ..	12,185	8,612	47,023	42,137
Total, Class I. .. ..	222,442	189,746	1,572,288	1,070,792
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN. &amp;c.</b>				
Caramel and Cocoa Butter ..	42,754	3,822	92,881	63,933
Cocoa and Chocolate .. ..	96,656	19,172	247,988	462,883
Coffee and Chicory .. ..	25,983	70,473	148,529	146,376
Confectionery .. ..	1,136	930	31,027	3,803
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates .. ..	741	165	107,890	87,231
Fresh—				
Bananas .. ..	3,420	2,053	13,806	11,787
Other .. ..	199	173	15,568	898
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i. pre- served in liquid .. ..	739	804	39,456	6,406
Ginger .. ..	7,813	4,264	38,071	26,596
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared .. ..	20,606	43,796	135,090	118,476
Prepared—				
Rice .. ..	2,542	4,878	15,325	15,751
Other .. ..	2,950	3,119	9,174	8,686
Infants' and Invalids' Foods ..	6,681	7,705	50,368	31,476
Liquorice .. ..	5,046	4,168	22,069	11,338
Mustard .. ..	3	2	3,214	102
Nuts, Edible .. ..	58,301	73,786	283,996	295,295
Pickles and Sauces .. ..	1,503	1,851	9,001	4,447
Sago and Tapioca .. ..	12,291	22,919	45,401	70,849
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape ..	11,975	19,509	20,162	49,828
Spices .. ..	20,777	36,818	92,525	82,772
Sugar and Sugar Products ..	16,648	13,120	43,961	46,791
Tea .. ..	529,097	1,457,645	2,894,264	2,884,731
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	35,313	28,166	224,595	181,341
Total, Class II. .. ..	903,174	1,819,338	4,584,361	4,611,796
<b>CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.</b>				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry ..	5,096	2,656	37,643	14,099
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy .. ..	1,753	95	19,673	4,068
Gin .. ..	14,133	7,674	35,435	32,871
Rum .. ..	2,498	1,000	10,328	12,844
Whisky .. ..	200,836	66,265	851,462	521,294
Other, including Liqueurs ..	4,687	1,754	33,666	11,257
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling .. ..	598	114	14,502	1,127
Other .. ..	1,200	654	13,915	4,348
Total, Class III. .. ..	230,801	80,212	1,016,624	601,908



VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
<b>CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.</b>	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Tobacco—				
Manufactured .. ..	11,283	14,634	63,129	33,541
Unmanufactured .. ..	52,659	66,770	1,822,413	442,687
Cigars .. ..	485	300	8,957	826
Cigarettes .. ..	2,119	10,970	31,338	17,651
Snuff .. ..	128	202	679	646
Total, Class IV. ..	66,674	92,876	1,926,516	495,351
<b>CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS</b> ..	13,994	26,491	132,137	44,616
<b>CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.</b>				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	4,758	4,181	19,943	23,332
Gut, Natural and Imitation ..	3,416	1,582	27,235	12,177
Hair and Fibre .. ..	60,692	90,175	156,555	172,305
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	27,941	34,952	70,801	70,555
Sheep .. ..	1,129	2,114	8,720	1,819
Other .. ..	79,810	61,015	514,248	165,169
Silk, Raw .. ..	219,426	76,124	803,512	562,508
Wool .. ..	41,511	48,010	146,795	288,898
Other Animal Substances ..	12,956	18,939	39,902	39,178
Total, Class VI. ..	451,639	337,092	1,787,711	1,335,941
<b>CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.</b>				
Copra .. ..	39,711	65,201	212,585	178,593
Cork and Cork Manufactures ..	23,850	15,872	203,264	131,456
Fibres—				
Cotton, Raw .. ..	196,198	502,398	538,973	1,062,657
Kapok .. ..	40,284	66,832	186,130	161,458
Other .. ..	127,437	201,225	573,839	495,858
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking,				
Furniture, Mats, &c. ..	9,957	7,958	40,637	32,067
Gums and Resins .. ..	125,030	136,034	592,511	462,934
Pulp for Paper-making ..	171,033	181,039	441,770	699,272
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	7,570	3,940	49,662	37,773
Linseed .. ..	170,691	210,073	563,559	510,644
Other .. ..	42,874	40,731	136,229	206,948
Tanning Substances .. ..	24,415	26,838	116,254	96,297
Other Vegetable Substances ..	6,089	5,079	30,478	16,370
Total, Class VII. ..	985,139	1,463,220	3,685,891	4,092,327
<b>CLASS VIII. — (a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE.</b>				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.				
(other than knitted) ..	10,905	11,560	53,674	28,236
Boots and Shoes .. ..	23,911	16,671	168,056	76,973
Buttons .. ..	29,848	21,742	138,036	85,937
Furs and Skins wholly or partly				
made up, dressed or prepared	44,502	25,268	55,372	138,084
Gloves .. ..	73,263	108,292	361,537	234,004
Hats and Caps .. ..	49,508	29,729	174,874	106,858
Knitted Articles of Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c.	5,371	6,752	25,478	18,153
Socks and Stockings ..	7,418	5,553	33,610	18,184
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	4,210	1,189	12,215	7,026
Trimmings and Ornaments ..	73,665	90,550	432,404	251,939
Other Apparel and Attire ..	67,178	421,625	329,578	502,438
Total, Apparel and Attire	389,779	738,931	1,784,834	1,467,832

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Floor Coverings .. ..	515,294	606,774	2,021,444	1,568,554
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys ..	13,705	13,413	83,157	36,406
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen .. ..	69,308	76,120	271,071	207,825
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck .. ..	282,606	266,223	685,839	1,009,084
Cotton and Linen .. ..	2,340,843	2,162,505	6,673,386	7,772,372
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods ..	252,797	205,858	1,000,344	831,537
Lace for Attire, &c. .. ..	61,395	76,467	220,647	204,023
Silk, including Artificial Silk ..	1,287,184	787,914	3,737,607	3,062,947
Velvets, Plushes, &c. .. ..	31,483	43,499	305,495	148,882
Woolens .. ..	44,635	95,723	274,257	217,273
Other .. ..	220,381	285,580	1,057,098	1,077,249
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	47,752	49,361	273,035	129,564
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c. ..	195,886	199,398	536,101	769,465
Towels and Towelling .. ..	113,583	146,380	431,782	434,605
Other Textiles .. ..	56,730	60,981	307,495	168,080
Total, Textiles .. ..	5,533,582	5,076,196	17,878,758	17,637,866
CLASS VIII.—(c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder .. ..	45,932	19,268	116,441	221,891
Corn and Flour .. ..	370,925	609,050	1,992,317	1,770,990
Wool-packs .. ..	350,583	202,534	820,736	981,918
Other .. ..	8,083	30,132	11,129	17,346
Cordage and Twines .. ..	75,801	20,839	239,628	214,421
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk .. ..	373,988	341,813	1,152,592	1,098,108
Cotton .. ..	189,653	233,551	491,250	720,604
Wool .. ..	11,649	16,713	45,078	34,966
Other .. ..	14,639	10,207	54,028	51,060
Total, Yarns, &c. .. ..	1,441,253	1,484,107	4,923,199	5,111,304
Total, Class VIII. .. ..	7,364,614	7,299,234	24,586,791	24,217,002
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c. .. ..	98,452	137,053	328,214	335,269
Linseed Oil .. ..	2,537	1,031	10,588	4,693
Olive Oil .. ..	10,498	23,455	93,698	24,876
Other Oils .. ..				
Total, Class IX. .. ..				
Included in Grand Total.				
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours .. ..	198,258	222,873	712,389	681,349
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	3,209	5,207	15,780	10,734
Total, Class X. .. ..	201,467	228,080	728,169	692,083
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch ..	40,954	20,885	308,363	190,737
Stone (including Marble and Slate)—				
Abrasives .. ..	66,429	102,936	244,501	220,194
Other Stones .. ..	3,828	3,213	21,372	11,423
Other Minerals, &c. .. ..	111,451	128,634	538,659	701,326
Total, Class XI. .. ..	222,662	255,668	1,112,895	1,123,680

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS XII.—(a) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Electrical Machinery, &c.—				
Batteries and Accumulators ..	3,797	23,635	65,285	33,905
Cable and Wire, covered ..	421,148	299,267	1,420,946	1,222,034
Dynamo Electric Machines ..	220,429	138,038	719,959	602,308
Lamps, Filament ..	56,355	41,140	208,363	160,084
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c. . . . .	147,145	193,380	702,387	382,491
Other ..	410,915	336,850	1,270,261	1,302,185
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c., Machinery ..	28,792	10,364	172,711	66,102
Dairying Machinery ..	19,862	17,042	205,629	69,326
Mining Machinery ..	51,962	50,115	286,724	285,066
Motive-power Machinery ..	702,266	1,302,503	2,260,311	2,830,391
Printing Machinery ..	42,752	14,597	200,565	137,513
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	88,941	149,506	247,921	434,185
Sewing Machines ..	194,896	93,221	493,330	371,290
Sheep-shearing Machinery ..	5,935	11,061	32,812	28,039
Weighing Machines ..	9,366	15,057	51,580	26,106
Yarn and Textile Machinery ..	217,903	164,567	399,231	649,652
Other Machines and Machinery	936,799	1,385,506	4,002,537	4,636,354
Total, Machines and Machinery	3,559,263	4,245,849	12,740,552	13,237,031
CLASS XII.—(b) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers ..	9,079	8,872	49,388	31,207
Leaf and Foil ..	39,769	60,830	147,116	149,273
Nails ..	9,474	10,563	39,143	23,702
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. ..	31,019	26,324	71,577	89,544
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. ..	..	495	614	1,031
Wire ..	27,461	27,688	107,346	87,819
Lamps and Lampware ..	57,253	58,349	302,609	184,247
Platedware and Cutlery ..	174,754	240,821	588,215	615,900
Tools of Trade ..	224,861	270,171	903,158	824,051
Cycles and Cycle Parts ..	117,281	128,556	451,408	341,763
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts ..	16,354	1,813	84,220	22,064
Chassis and Parts ..	1,320,564	1,650,958	6,368,576	3,535,559
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c. ..	19,949	18,866	232,687	65,285
Other ..	4,045,759	6,635,298	10,939,779	17,841,779
Total, Metals, &c. ..	6,093,577	9,139,604	20,285,836	23,813,224
Total, Class XII. ..	9,652,840	13,385,453	33,026,388	37,050,255
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c. ..	743,413	860,905	1,777,267	2,322,444
Rubber Manufactures—				
Boot and Apparel Elastic, Rubber Thread ..	58,745	53,322	282,711	187,245
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	4,970	2,140	19,343	11,387
Other ..	27,033	19,950	147,867	81,585
Total, Rubber, &c. ..	834,161	936,317	2,227,188	2,602,661



VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Leather .. ..	14,669	12,146	52,682	35,635
Leather Manufactures, &c. ..	16,267	22,016	52,441	64,923
Total, Leather, &c. ..	30,936	34,162	105,123	100,558
Total, Class XIII. ..	865,097	970,479	2,332,311	2,703,219
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed .. ..	23,975	17,801	203,025	101,077
Undressed .. ..	159,321	178,675	1,559,002	726,073
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	94,394	56,933	230,992	232,612
Total, Class XIV. ..	277,690	253,409	1,993,019	1,059,762
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Crockery and other Household Ware .. ..	198,329	199,316	632,405	604,035
Glass and Glassware .. ..	174,886	258,388	725,376	662,574
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stoneware ..	93,262	151,422	557,517	363,725
Total, Class XV. ..	466,477	609,126	1,915,298	1,630,334
CLASS XVI.—(a) PAPER.				
Millboards and other boards ..	71,184	58,726	287,036	229,830
Parchment .. ..	69,172	62,672	139,451	200,708
Printing .. ..	1,010,852	371,917	3,122,237	2,195,465
Wrapping .. ..	100,850	121,893	375,207	408,645
Writing and Typewriting ..	266,516	84,620	712,561	831,845
Other .. ..	145,271	160,289	704,872	562,698
Total, Paper .. ..	1,663,845	860,117	5,341,364	4,429,191
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c. ..	225,362	256,689	1,040,790	772,405
Price Lists, Circulars, &c. ..	11,064	8,652	57,031	31,431
Paperhangings and Wallpapers ..	14,497	26,616	83,701	52,860
Pens and Pencils .. ..	57,554	46,655	203,838	159,577
Other Stationery .. ..	114,734	142,545	515,678	351,277
Total, Stationery, &c. ..	423,211	481,157	1,901,038	1,367,550
Total, Class XVI. ..	2,087,056	1,341,274	7,242,402	5,796,741
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games .. ..	27,591	12,291	153,037	54,721
Toys .. ..	47,552	41,350	248,941	93,070
Other .. ..	56,058	59,004	224,143	158,349
Jewellery—				
Precious Stones (Unset)—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	27,209	48,457	266,052	147,976
Other .. ..	21,339	31,577	94,771	64,029
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c. ..	52,893	73,118	495,249	311,501
Total, Class XVII. ..	232,642	265,797	1,482,193	829,646

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued*.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
<b>CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.</b>	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Films for Cinematographs, &c...	131,846	171,954	573,671	509,575
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c. . . . .	30,308	35,263	123,592	136,445
Surgical and Dental Instruments	144,275	152,662	479,847	607,278
Phonographs, &c. . . . .	9,864	11,081	33,397	42,537
Other Instruments . . . . .	121,879	164,392	533,199	408,528
Total, Class XVIII. . .	438,172	535,352	1,743,706	1,704,363
<b>CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.</b>				
Acids . . . . .	41,957	43,921	127,107	154,004
Argol . . . . .	50,185	17,459	147,051	93,302
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes	5,410	224	25,033	29,597
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines . . . . .	128,153	91,912	350,364	375,207
Other . . . . .	120,307	157,700	300,688	387,844
Dyes . . . . .	149,138	236,115	480,097	653,794
Fertilizers . . . . .	221,860	146,666	1,027,440	695,864
Insecticides, Washes and Dips . .	19,065	33,933	152,868	71,175
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)..	44,872	64,238	144,111	173,922
Perfumery and Preparations . .	44,435	73,009	227,835	171,466
Salt . . . . .	13,865	9,007	45,114	34,361
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups..	3,752	6,816	24,446	19,472
Other . . . . .	11,679	22,937	67,587	35,454
Other Drugs and Chemicals . .	705,230	849,172	2,885,602	2,698,091
Total, Class XIX. . .	1,559,908	1,753,109	6,005,343	5,593,553
<b>CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.</b>				
Articles of Celluloid, &c. . .	28,046	36,188	176,928	183,174
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c. . .	49,907	42,046	209,883	123,866
Brushware—				
Vacuum Cleaners (Household)	29,924	31,780	291,944	75,201
Other . . . . .	14,495	17,961	79,599	38,243
Goods imported per parcel post	93,507	173,486	442,177	362,883
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos . . . . .	4,251	2,701	30,000	9,205
Player Pianos . . . . .	519	154	1,461	697
Piano and Player Piano Parts	4,199	4,267	7,293	7,423
Other Instruments and Parts	20,364	12,456	79,040	49,388
Oilmen's Stores . . . . .	25,509	14,060	150,522	99,850
Soap . . . . .	9,613	14,263	56,116	35,995
All other Articles . . . . .	Included in Grand Total.			
Total, Class XX . . . . .				
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE . .	30,293,571	35,358,020	115,675,505	108,650,056

## ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE . .	37,942,697	44,285,920	144,883,570	136,084,197

NOTE.—Class XXI. and State Summary are not available for publication.

## EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
<b>CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.</b>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter .. .. .	1,110,816	1,335,904	15,894,718	11,973,485
Butter Substitutes .. .. .	14,469	147,890	8,747	165,004
Cheese .. .. .	240,819	320,162	1,440,140	1,543,909
Eggs .. .. .	330,162	76,732	597,872	1,168,112
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams .. .. .	74,441	158,484	274,932	439,684
Potted or Concentrated .. .. .	19,853	34,096	27,610	82,528
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef .. .. .	1,829,217	1,115,106	4,825,237	3,761,732
Lamb .. .. .	809,963	216,818	5,353,874	5,864,519
Mutton .. .. .	134,130	45,226	728,510	277,964
Pork .. .. .	439,729	515,068	1,561,432	2,302,656
Rabbits and Hares .. .. .	72,886	5,592	355,436	102,175
Preserved in Tins .. .. .	353,328	1,008,889	923,354	1,873,853
Sausage Casings .. .. .	90,931	89,905	419,074	426,168
Other .. .. .	252,674	60,390	651,017	687,013
Milk and Cream .. .. .	221,140	478,291	1,126,066	1,528,951
Other Animal Foodstuffs .. .. .	42,965	239,706	187,240	176,421
Total, Class I. .. .. .	6,037,523	5,848,259	34,375,259	32,374,174
<b>CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.</b>				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory, Fruit Juices, &c. .. .. .	31,621	81,710	51,631	209,119
Biscuits .. .. .	45,476	290,574	112,434	266,638
Confectionery .. .. .	23,850	83,267	103,843	224,009
Fodders .. .. .	12,306	22,077	113,023	51,194
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants .. .. .	337,865	216,674	487,678	574,648
Raisins .. .. .	893,161	1,024,101	1,447,353	1,790,990
Other .. .. .	22,099	103,512	58,912	129,741
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples .. .. .	61,119	32,385	741,854	105,140
Citrus .. .. .	45,955	50,445	211,546	222,381
Other .. .. .	4,639	3,148	213,291	65,577
Fruits, preserved in liquid .. .. .	142,076	511,306	1,349,902	802,970
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped .. .. .	4,396	27,030	134,209	97,366
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley .. .. .	69,044	49,729	520,521	141,343
Wheat .. .. .	3,137,917	456,691	7,530,490	9,247,836
Other .. .. .	38,618	17,724	77,374	184,469
Prepared—				
Bran, Pollard and Sharps .. .. .	49,117	19,518	271,626	138,006
Flour (Wheaten) .. .. .	2,046,824	1,547,770	5,258,365	7,427,132
Rice .. .. .	77,145	70,829	270,698	207,672
Other .. .. .	84,249	180,439	199,206	396,933
Infants' and Invalids' Foods .. .. .		6,756	87	274
Jams and Fruit Jellies .. .. .	121,338	449,624	506,002	929,458
Sugar .. .. .	2,099,024	527,218	6,199,906	4,691,666
Tea .. .. .	11,235	26,237	57,951	47,514
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs .. .. .	62,770	298,173	122,923	481,100
Total, Class II. .. .. .	9,421,844	6,096,937	26,040,825	28,433,176



VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry ..	141,582	685,929	148,504	1,373,221
Spirits (Beverages) .. ..	60,594	188,471	183,334	431,338
Wine .. ..	170,696	156,741	934,246	516,413
Total, Class III. ..	372,872	1,031,141	1,266,084	2,320,972
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff ..	34,620	128,888	32,982	258,487
Tobacco .. ..	80,915	115,097	257,539	289,422
Total, Class IV. ..	115,535	243,985	290,521	547,909
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle .. ..	1,124	456	7,666	4,573
Horses .. ..	20,162	24,556	80,094	128,624
Sheep .. ..	21,562	24,012	112,596	99,550
Other Living Animals ..	1,101	3,275	6,674	4,653
Total, Class V. ..	43,949	52,299	207,030	237,400
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Bêche-de-mer .. ..	1,072	2,904	1,191	5,437
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	44,642	65,279	158,973	155,386
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	118,552	44,084	640,570	490,598
Fox .. ..	56,883	105,385	39,190	76,341
Kangaroo and Wallaby ..	66,472	41,308	172,824	252,191
Opossum .. ..	38,104	13,958	9,110	82,738
Rabbit .. ..	725,068	1,813,829	911,384	2,207,591
Sheep .. ..	319,920	245,260	2,368,806	977,736
Other .. ..	4,493	6,172	21,375	17,863
Pearl-shell .. ..	72,386	124,832	224,738	196,288
Trochus-shell .. ..	889	5,523	41,994	11,665
Wool—				
Greasy .. ..	5,691,431	8,838,232	49,254,173	32,888,968
Scoured and Tops .. ..	2,957,590	1,890,297	7,648,671	6,756,568
Other Animal Substances ..	18,350	26,198	142,320	76,380
Total, Class VI. ..	10,115,852	13,223,261	61,635,319	44,195,750
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra .. ..	12	..	361	12
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw .. ..	292	..	3,967	4,763
Other .. ..	38,718	64,519	148,927	174,988
Sandalwood .. ..	5,964	10,742	52,374	61,960
Seeds .. ..	17,540	37,379	97,028	86,190
Tanning Substances ..	14,011	29,175	43,973	72,463
Other Vegetable Substances ..	12,207	15,553	51,426	49,194
Total, Class VII. ..	88,744	157,368	398,056	449,570

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued*.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE ; (b) TEXTILES ; (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Boots and Shoes .. ..	8,523	216,092	36,848	46,668
Other Apparel and Attire ..	49,210	591,359	144,365	656,034
Piece Goods .. ..	89,746	127,057	180,009	452,374
Other Textiles .. ..	33,056	229,922	96,863	205,011
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns ..	141,939	173,693	399,361	550,709
Total, Class VIII. ..	322,474	1,338,123	857,446	1,910,796
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes .. ..	93,755	49,323	216,213	251,602
Tallow, unrefined .. ..	123,697	192,994	325,536	564,135
Other .. ..	52,077	61,413	848,582	277,968
Total, Class IX. ..	269,529	303,730	1,390,331	1,093,705
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.	45,990	67,031	175,031	195,573
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.	461,519	403,154	2,409,163	1,655,230
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery.</i>	435,873	781,270	1,394,345	2,242,516
(b) <i>Metals and Manufactures</i>	2,780,467	3,023,325	12,323,527	10,053,935
Total, Class XII. ..	3,216,340	3,804,595	13,717,872	12,296,451
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	75,204	129,563	113,765	433,301
Leather .. ..	219,689	148,410	1,329,913	869,287
Leather Manufactures, &c. ..	16,535	39,174	39,070	95,806
Total, Class XIII. ..	311,428	317,147	1,482,748	1,398,394
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber .. ..	205,037	161,163	919,233	1,005,674
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	106,082	58,575	97,547	98,170
Total, Class XIV. ..	311,119	219,738	1,016,780	1,103,844
CLASS XV. — EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE.	39,224	104,543	168,351	232,341
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper .. ..	26,878	43,883	87,776	144,745
Stationery .. ..	49,947	81,256	333,344	270,842
Total, Class XVI. ..	76,825	125,139	421,120	415,587

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1940.	1941.	1939-40.	1940-41.
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES AND FANCY GOODS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Precious Stones, unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	1,413	7,032	33,571	23,257
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c. ..	17,177	25,419	105,323	82,266
Total, Class XVII. ..	18,590	32,451	138,894	105,523
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c. ..	46,296	46,072	202,326	214,916
Photographic Goods, &c. ..	30,203	22,904	82,556	71,970
Talking Machines, &c. ..	7,649	7,898	30,505	31,304
Other Instruments ..	19,309	21,062	75,043	81,773
Total, Class XVIII. ..	103,457	97,936	390,430	399,963
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein .. ..	11,691	3,142	64,847	30,237
Fertilizers .. ..	2,396	3,533	42,658	13,628
Medicines .. ..	65,124	107,499	211,158	303,117
Oils—				
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i. ..	4,283	14,908	40,161	18,163
Eucalyptus .. ..	74,918	48,866	130,422	206,082
Perfumery and Preparations ..	12,941	123,867	42,385	184,780
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	140,452	173,000	529,856	579,936
Total, Class XIX. ..	311,805	474,815	1,061,487	1,335,943
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands .. ..	44,995	44,730	181,694	178,338
Oilmen's Stores .. ..	19,623	71,376	73,247	148,522
Personal and Household Effects ..	25,982	34,146	87,352	128,506
Soap .. ..	38,751	82,819	102,530	194,980
Goods Exported per parcel post ..	7,319	9,195	31,598	33,377
All other Articles .. ..	663,313	720,679	830,390	3,162,817
Total, Class XX. ..	799,983	962,945	1,306,811	3,846,540
Total { Australian Produce ..	32,009,231	34,461,158	146,894,316	132,595,120
{ Other Produce ..	475,371	443,439	1,855,242	1,953,721
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE ..	32,484,602	34,904,597	148,749,558	134,548,841

## ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
GRAND TOTAL—Merchandise ..	25,935,810	27,867,942	118,762,122	107,424,224

NOTE.—Class XXI. and State Summary are not available for publication.



## Section IV.—Finance.

## (A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

## COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

## Receipts.(a)

Sources of Revenue.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
<b>TAXATION—</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Customs .. .. .	28,782,784	32,972,666	31,160,462	34,830,306	29,409,666
Excise .. .. .	14,210,248	15,410,339	16,471,903	18,994,600	24,370,117
Sales Tax .. .. .	8,008,427	8,023,886	9,308,334	12,196,175	19,792,680
Flour Tax .. .. .	Dr. 12,193	3,025	1,808,972	2,486,070	1,498,595
Land Tax .. .. .	1,435,465	1,368,444	1,489,436	1,645,829	3,190,822
Income Tax .. .. .	8,556,014	9,398,503	11,882,440	16,430,313	39,315,543
War-time (1939-41) Company Tax and Super Tax .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3,989,691
Gold Tax .. .. .	..	..	..	1,214,621	1,452,260
Estate Duty .. .. .	1,792,600	1,872,654	1,915,352	2,212,690	2,364,133
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	107	1	..	59	10
War-time (1914-19) Profits Tax .. .. .	..	Dr. 1,033	..	..	..
<b>Total Taxation .. .. .</b>	<b>62,773,452</b>	<b>69,048,485</b>	<b>74,036,899</b>	<b>90,910,663</b>	<b>125,383,522</b>
<b>BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—</b>					
Postmaster-General's Department .. .. .	15,811,502	16,753,139	17,366,311	17,897,469	19,075,541
<b>Railways—</b>					
Trans-Australian .. .. .	270,161	267,754	330,643	368,218	462,344
Central Australia .. .. .	122,698	124,417	137,521	146,921	243,701
North Australia .. .. .	36,440	37,768	50,471	60,797	185,808
Australian Capital Territory .. .. .	6,994	5,803	7,275	11,736	8,040
<b>Total Railways .. .. .</b>	<b>436,293</b>	<b>435,742</b>	<b>525,910</b>	<b>587,672</b>	<b>899,893</b>
<b>Total Business Undertakings .. .. .</b>	<b>16,247,795</b>	<b>17,188,881</b>	<b>17,892,221</b>	<b>18,485,141</b>	<b>19,975,434</b>
<b>TERRITORIES .. .. .</b>	<b>300,253</b>	<b>330,975</b>	<b>355,401</b>	<b>415,412</b>	<b>506,864</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE—</b>					
Interest(a) .. .. .	1,074,423	1,044,076	1,144,014	1,145,989	1,172,130
Coinage .. .. .	295,167	362,705	127,764	180,458	752,471
Defence .. .. .	41,731	29,244	151,208	166,880	303,640
Civil Aviation .. .. .	4,418	5,556	5,745	11,171	137,951
Health .. .. .	67,134	17,621	18,204	15,740	14,338
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights .. .. .	62,163	61,435	67,914	61,982	57,150
Bankruptcy .. .. .	30,569	36,441	30,770	35,817	32,318
Commerce and Marine—					
Wool levy(b) .. .. .	72,805	77,523	74,396	84,361	84,279
Marine .. .. .	216,406	182,463	158,137	147,315	136,706
Other .. .. .	Dr. 1,104	839,883	766,730	985,993	1,461,839
Net Profit, Note Issue .. .. .	898,585	221,926	235,387	166,862	432,188
Other .. .. .	247,132	..	..	..	31,476
Balance of Trust Accounts .. .. .	477,048	10,940	..	..	..
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>3,486,477</b>	<b>2,889,813</b>	<b>2,780,269</b>	<b>3,002,568</b>	<b>4,616,486</b>
<b>Grand Total .. .. .</b>	<b>82,807,977</b>	<b>89,458,154</b>	<b>95,064,790</b>	<b>111,913,784</b>	<b>150,482,306</b>
<b>PER HEAD(c)—</b>	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation .. .. .	9 4 6	10 1 2	10 13 10	12 17 4	17 17 8
Business Undertakings .. .. .	2 7 9	2 10 1	2 11 8	2 12 10	2 17 0
Other .. .. .	0 11 2	0 9 5	0 9 0	0 9 9	0 14 7
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>12 3 5</b>	<b>13 0 8</b>	<b>13 14 6</b>	<b>15 19 11</b>	<b>21 9 3</b>

(a) Excluding balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States).

(b) For Publicity and Research.

(c) Based on mean population of each financial year.

## Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services	£	£	£	£	£
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	9,730,700	9,714,227	9,664,917	9,600,065	9,568,676
War Pensions .. .. .	7,910,366	8,094,623	8,227,487	8,147,076	8,041,798
Repatriation .. .. .	896,179	957,805	993,872	922,527	845,283
Other .. .. .	186,708	181,645	370,536	164,874	146,873
Total, War, &c. . . . .	18,723,953	18,948,300	19,256,812	18,834,542	18,602,630
Defence and War (1939-41) Services—					
War (1939-41) Services .. .. .	..	..	..	15,315,993	65,680,207
Army (including Co-ordination) ..	2,023,372	2,060,732	3,324,650	3,770,504	
Navy .. .. .	2,580,704	2,497,783	2,755,085	3,065,000	
Air .. .. .	948,671	1,289,973	1,384,971	2,043,839	
Supply and Development (including Munitions and Aircraft Production) ..	436,966	523,550	596,653	748,415	
Total Cost of Departments—					
Governor-General .. .. .	34,245	35,067	32,765	30,787	30,587
Parliament .. .. .	505,287	516,494	444,873	449,876	547,602
Prime Minister .. .. .	1,263,210	1,510,259	1,355,842	1,509,582	1,232,799
External Affairs .. .. .	63,104	58,263	70,168	117,782	141,751
Treasury .. .. .	1,825,115	2,252,506	2,257,628	2,485,450	2,425,259
Attorney-General .. .. .	252,158	263,319	281,497	273,557	298,110
Interior .. .. .	972,733	1,018,526	1,275,392	1,257,593	962,999
Civil Aviation .. .. .	275,563	129,043	328,150	494,060	392,038
Trade and Customs .. .. .	891,292	993,503	1,064,124	1,032,890	963,269
Health .. .. .	241,443	402,003	338,155	289,174	295,932
Commerce .. .. .	1,122,242	1,149,511	1,208,927	1,170,951	1,139,932
Social Services .. .. .	132,970	150,753	324,734	177,901	161,786
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General .. .. .	13,203,176	13,964,473	15,023,233	15,285,709	15,876,594
Railways .. .. .	1,076,077	1,140,315	1,351,041	1,472,521	1,507,850
Territories—					
Australian Capital Territory .. ..	585,869	615,401	637,228	656,078	679,160
Northern Territory .. .. .	262,113	381,931	402,899	382,804	462,170
Papua .. .. .	53,821	48,825	48,830	48,610	85,703
New Guinea .. .. .	13,431	3,058	5,532	5,988	7,162
Norfolk Island .. .. .	4,409	5,911	5,471	4,071	4,071
Total, Territories .. .. .	921,643	1,057,126	1,099,960	1,097,551	1,238,266
New Works .. .. .	4,319,562	3,551,776	6,565,268	6,036,445	6,321,764
Invalid and Old-age Pensions .. ..	13,998,793	15,798,687	15,991,782	16,459,245	17,366,365
Maternity Allowances .. .. .	370,150	400,004	436,614	416,964	407,533
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts .. .. .	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912
Sinking Fund on States' Debts .. ..	1,416,548	1,454,385	1,477,976	1,536,055	1,556,749
Special Grants .. .. .	2,430,000	2,350,000	2,020,000	2,020,000	2,050,000
Grants for Federal Aid Roads .. ..	3,039,530	4,149,492	4,269,556	4,455,845	3,484,748
Other Grants .. .. .	551,000	450,500	300,000	100,000	200,000
Total to or for States(b) .. .. .	15,021,990	15,989,289	15,649,444	15,696,812	14,920,409
Relief to Primary Producers .. .. .	327,000	262,166	2,014,713	2,509,266	3,022,624
Grand Total(c) .. .. .	81,531,419	85,963,421	94,437,481	108,985,409	150,482,306
Per head of Population(d) .. .. .	£11 19 8	£12 10 6	£13 12 8	£15 11 9	£21 9 3

(a) Excluding Defence and War (1939-41) Services. (b) Excluding balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (c) Excluding expenditure from excess receipts (see table below). (d) Based on mean population for each financial year.

## Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Excess Receipts.

Particulars.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£	£	£	£	£
Accumulated balance .. .. .	3,567,720	1,276,558	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375
Excess Receipts .. .. .	1,276,558	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375	..
Total for year .. .. .	4,844,278	4,771,291	4,122,042	3,555,684	2,928,375
Expenditure from Excess Receipts—					
Grants to States .. .. .	500,000	..	..	..	..
Special Defence Provision .. .. .	2,000,000	..	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375
Post Office Works Provision .. .. .	..	1,000,000	..	..	..
Reduction of deficit .. .. .	1,067,720	276,558	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	3,567,720	1,276,558	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375
Accumulated balance .. .. .	1,276,558	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375	..

## Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	Total to 30th June, 1941.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Defence and War (1939-41) Services— General Services, Works, &c. ..	..	..	..	28,814,046	101,581,230	130,395,276
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.—						
Army Buildings, Works and Sites ..	Cr. 2,877	339,316	97,788	..	..	1,118,989
Arms, Armament and Ammunition ..	..	109,180	530,342	..	..	954,822
Naval Buildings, Works and Sites ..	Cr. 12,308	106,970	82,248	..	..	1,703,834
Fleet Construction ..	..	451,350	521,556	..	..	1,908,303
R.A.A.F. Equipment, Buildings, &c.	..	673,026	436,356	..	..	1,578,461
Munitions Production, Buildings and Works ..	8,530	273,945	243,994	..	..	1,729,539
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works Ships, Yards and Docks ..	65	112,550	..	..	..	214,291
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 3,010	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 305,351	Cr. 14,016	Cr. 2,859	7,863,028
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	637,490
Postmaster-General's Department— Telegraph and Telephone Con- struction ..	300,000	..	..	1,733,113	1,689,329	35,117,640
Buildings, Works, Sites, &c. ..	2,193	Cr. 451	Cr. 1,290	120,050	220,882	3,834,803
Subscription to Capital of Amalga- mated Wireless Ltd. ..	..	..	..	..	..	300,000
Radio Stations and Equipment ..	..	..	..	29,509	3,711	89,456
Serum and Health Laboratories ..	460	..	..	..	..	80,149
Other Health Buildings and Services ..	..	..	..	..	..	22,964
Repatriation Buildings, &c. ..	1,434	..	..	..	..	47,026
War Service Homes (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329,623
Railways—						
Trans-Australian ..	358,241	Cr. 938	Cr. 339	Cr. 102	Cr. 2,070	7,124,123
Central Australia ..	..	..	..	..	Cr. 170	2,480,426
North Australia ..	..	..	..	Cr. 184	..	1,597,375
Australian Capital Territory ..	..	..	..	..	..	28,756
Grafton-South Brisbane ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,446,006
Railways Plant and Store Suspense Account ..	..	..	..	..	..	200,000
Territories—						
A.C.T. Works, Services and Acquisi- tion of Land (b) ..	100,583	Cr. 5,514	Cr. 6,768	Cr. 10,752	Cr. 4,321	8,486,479
Northern Territory ..	19,127	Cr. 61	..	Cr. 31	..	171,870
Papua ..	..	..	..	..	..	129,749
New Guinea ..	..	..	..	..	..	40,496
Norfolk Island ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,000
London Offices ..	..	..	..	..	..	880,190
High Court Accommodation, Mel- bourne ..	..	..	..	..	..	19,506
Acquisition of Properties not else- where included ..	6,645	Cr. 263	..	..	..	137,643
Immigration ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,680,834
Subscription to Capital of Common- wealth Oil Refinery ..	..	..	..	..	..	343,751
Assistance to States—						
Unemployment Relief ..	332,880	Cr. 8,895	Cr. 3,822	Cr. 65,844	Cr. 45,284	2,455,377
Mining ..	64,000	..	..	..	..	283,750
Forestry ..	35,000	..	..	..	..	322,000
Farmers' Debt Adjustment ..	1,500,000	2,500,000	2,000,000	750,000	500,000	7,567,008
Roads ..	..	..	..	..	..	249,686
Wire and Wire Netting ..	..	..	..	..	..	608,849
Drought Relief ..	..	..	..	..	1,270,000	1,270,000
Wheat Bounty ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,429,571
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. ..	2,710,963	4,549,215	3,593,714	2,540,743	3,628,218	108,291,382
GRAND TOTAL ..	2,710,963	4,549,215	3,593,714	31,854,789	105,209,443	238,686,658

(a) In addition, £13,045,408 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24.

(b) Including Administration and other Public Buildings.



**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE  
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1941.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£(Aust.)	£(Stg.)	£(a)	£(b)
War (1914–19) .. ..	167,697,661	90,744,381	..	258,442,042
War (1939–41) .. ..	c207,182,554	d 17,875,000	..	225,057,554
Works and other Purposes	38,557,044	65,134,096	15,876,718	119,567,858
Total—Commonwealth Purposes .. ..	413,437,259	173,753,477	15,876,718	603,067,454
Per head of population(e) ..	£58 1 11	£24 8 4	£2 4 7	£84 14 10
State—				
Debts of the States ..	510,344,990	381,009,838	26,062,766	917,417,594
Per head of population(e) ..	£71 18 11	£53 14 3	£3 13 6	£129 6 8
Total Public Debt ..	923,782,249	554,763,315	41,939,484	1,520,485,048
Per head of population ..	£129 16 1	£77 19 1	£5 17 10	£213 13 0

**INTEREST PAYABLE.**

Commonwealth—	£(Aust.)	£(Stg.)	£(a)	£(f)
War (1914–19) .. ..	6,425,561	(g) 426,008	..	6,851,569
War (1939–41) .. ..	5,440,763	591,000	..	6,031,763
Works and other Purposes	1,159,613	2,638,822	775,930	4,574,365
Total—Commonwealth Purposes .. ..	13,025,937	(g) 3,655,830	775,930	17,457,697
Average Rate per cent.(h) ..	£3 3 11	£3 17 10	£4 17 9	£3 7 5
State—				
Debts of the States ..	17,504,164	14,518,939	1,295,294	33,318,397
Average Rate per cent. ..	£3 8 7	£3 16 3	£4 19 5	£3 12 8
Grand Total .. ..	30,530,101	g 18,174,769	2,071,224	50,776,094
Average Rate per cent.(h) ..	£3 6 6	£3 16 6	£4 18 9	£3 10 9

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.).

(b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated.

(c) Including £5,610,210 Interest Free Loans (Citizens' National Emergency Loans), £21,321,838 War Savings Certificates and £7,497,820 Advance Loan Subscriptions.

(d) Including £100,000 Interest Free Loans.

(e) Based on estimated aggregate population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) and of the six States at 30th September, 1941.

(f) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(g) Excluding suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,220) due to British Government.

(h) Interest Free Loans excluded when calculating rate.

**AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS  
AND BY THE PUBLIC.**

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount. (a)	Percentage on total circulation.
	£	£	£	£'000.	%
1937 (b) .. .. .	17,194,775	31,008,466	48,203,241	16,010	33.2
1938 (b) .. .. .	16,700,228	32,706,922	49,407,150	16,009	32.4
1939 (b) .. .. .	14,403,326	35,186,843	49,590,169	16,030	32.4
1940 (b) .. .. .	13,927,376	44,444,954	58,372,330	16,269	28.1
1941 (b) .. .. .	14,318,069	55,069,055	69,387,124	18,559	26.8
1941 (c)—July ..	14,068,304	55,045,734	69,114,038	17,705	25.6
August .. ..	13,897,157	56,466,881	70,364,038	18,955	26.9
September ..	14,267,161	57,846,877	72,114,038	18,955	26.3
October .. ..	14,278,838	59,335,200	73,614,038	18,955	25.8
November .. .	14,435,904	60,928,134	75,364,038	19,955	26.5
December .. .	17,696,631	67,167,407	84,864,038	21,955	25.9

(a) Including English sterling.  
Monday in each month.

(b) Average of twelve monthly statements.

(c) On last

**COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.**

Denomination.	27th December, 1937.	26th December, 1938.	25th December, 1939.	30th December, 1940.	29th December, 1941.
	£	£	£	£	£
10s. .. .. .	4,504,241	4,635,058	4,806,450	5,120,126	5,524,992
£1 .. .. .	23,303,545	24,203,091	25,805,205	29,551,083	36,163,961
£5 .. .. .	12,704,180	13,565,745	15,254,440	18,947,665	25,683,405
£10 .. .. .	5,232,260	5,567,400	6,612,710	8,819,140	11,058,740
£20 .. .. .	136,400	112,480	95,960	78,280	68,540
£50 .. .. .	1,199,350	1,273,250	1,562,550	1,963,150	2,400,700
£100 .. .. .	2,094,200	2,254,100	2,614,900	3,060,000	3,499,700
£1,000 .. .. .	4,860,000	1,419,000	523,000	580,000	464,000
Held by banks ..	15,624,058	13,975,383	13,008,630	16,906,279	17,696,631
" public .. .	38,410,118	39,054,741	44,266,585	51,213,165	67,167,407
Total .. .. .	54,034,176	53,030,124	57,275,215	68,119,444	84,864,038
Reserve (a) {	Gold .. .. .	320,812	322,668	341,212	74,864
	English .. .. .	320,812	322,668	341,212	74,864
	Sterling .. ..	15,687,142	15,688,392	15,688,392	17,630,183
	Total .. .. .	16,007,954	16,011,060	16,029,604	17,705,047
Percentage on circulation	29.63	30.19	27.99	25.99	25.87

(a) Valued in Australian currency.

**OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.**

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1941.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1941.		Pensions paid during 1940-41. (a)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old- age.	Inva- lid.	Old- age.	Inva- lid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
New South Wales(c)	110,030	27,248	137,278	391	97	s. d. 41 6	42 1	£ 7,054,032	s. d. 50 4
Victoria ..	76,371	12,447	88,818	394	64	41 5	41 9	4,655,508	48 6
Queensland ..	35,168	8,644	43,812	339	83	41 6	41 10	2,267,972	44 0
South Australia(d)	25,076	4,566	29,642	412	75	40 6	41 4	1,515,928	49 11
Western Australia	19,423	3,425	22,848	415	73	41 0	41 9	1,186,486	50 8
Tasmania ..	10,692	2,591	13,283	448	109	41 0	41 6	686,439	57 2
Total ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	83	41 4	41 11	17,366,365	49 2

(a) Including amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year.

(c) Including A.C.T.

(d) Including N.T.

## OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension. (a)
	Old-age.	Invalld.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalld.		
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	£ 1,847,440	s. d. 19 1
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919 ..	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,084	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5
1929 ..	145,893	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	(c) 33 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	(c) 34 5
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	(c) 36 3
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	(c) 38 6
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	15,991,782	33 5
1940(d) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	38 6
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	83	17,366,365	(c) 41 5

(a) At 30th June. (b) Including payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (c) Change in rate—6s. decrease, July, 1931; 1s. increase, July, 1935; 2s. increase, September, 1936; 2s. increase, September, 1937; 2s. increase, December, 1940, and provision made for future adjustment according to "C" series index-numbers. (d) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed, and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pension list.

## WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

Place.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.					
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New South Wales	25,474	8,391	40,236	74,101	2	1	3	0	18	7
Victoria..	25,107	7,977	41,036	74,120	1	15	8	0	16	10
Queensland ..	8,640	2,420	14,318	25,378	2	2	4	0	17	0
South Australia ..	4,541	2,043	7,316	13,900	2	1	2	0	19	10
Western Australia	6,853	2,112	11,423	20,388	1	19	6	0	17	5
Tasmania ..	3,296	1,105	6,645	11,046	2	10	3	0	16	3
United Kingdom ..	1,543	1,755	2,460	5,758	2	5	3	1	7	6
South Africa ..	47	21	53	121	1	18	7	1	5	4
New Zealand ..	248	110	282	640	1	16	0	1	2	4
Elsewhere ..	18	3	18	39	2	0	8	0	17	3
Total 1940-41 ..	75,767	25,937	123,787	225,491	1	19	10	0	17	11
1939-40 ..	76,462	26,388	134,027	236,877	1	19	11	0	17	1



## SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pensions Current—							
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	1,530	1,132	575	311	400	60	4,008
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	933	819	788	476	480	209	3,705
Dependants ..	1,199	1,124	946	594	521	350	4,734
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	317	141	73	50	60	14	655
Dependants ..	446	229	96	93	84	31	979
Total 1940-41 ..	4,425	3,445	2,478	1,524	1,545	664	14,081
1939-40 ..	4,287	3,469	2,420	1,657	1,489	678	14,000
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	1 15 4	1 15 3	1 15 10	1 15 8	1 14 6	1 13 5	1 15 3
Dependants ..	1 0 9	1 0 11	0 19 2	1 0 6	1 1 1	0 16 5	1 0 3
All Pensioners 1940-41 ..	1 9 11	1 9 7	1 8 10	1 8 10	1 9 3	1 3 8	1 9 2
1939-40 ..	1 7 5	1 7 3	1 5 9	1 6 0	1 7 1	1 2 0	1 6 7

## AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

## (i) WAR PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	2,592,985	2,634,894	2,661,271	2,674,462	2,618,564	2,560,477
Victoria ..	2,276,024	2,326,414	2,334,448	2,353,107	2,317,417	2,252,227
Queensland ..	825,390	857,139	874,872	890,710	873,635	853,757
South Australia ..	464,536	481,068	493,255	497,230	497,743	485,919
Western Australia ..	662,932	680,272	689,528	696,833	685,019	671,457
Tasmania ..	371,568	387,511	397,199	403,747	404,154	396,814
Elsewhere ..	326,793	315,791	310,634	303,200	285,714	267,880
Total ..	7,520,228	7,683,089	7,761,207	7,819,289	7,682,246	7,488,581

## (ii) SERVICE PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1935-36.(b)	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	10,450	66,565	96,327	118,443	148,599	162,935
Victoria ..	7,557	54,127	84,365	103,292	118,577	126,975
Queensland ..	3,884	35,465	57,543	72,717	80,364	88,088
South Australia ..	6,380	37,277	45,028	51,474	54,377	57,758
Western Australia ..	2,522	23,549	36,344	46,044	51,651	55,783
Tasmania ..	392	4,728	10,254	15,157	18,695	19,564
Elsewhere ..	..	3	10	..	..	..
Total ..	31,135	221,714	329,871	407,127	472,263	511,103

(a) Including £18,772—1939-41 War.

(b) Portion of year.

## COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCE.

## Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1935 ..	30,354	19,940	10,940	6,409	5,035	3,725	39	76,442	329,321
1936 ..	30,463	19,672	11,640	6,613	4,850	3,689	26	76,953	335,552
1937 ..	31,086	20,350	12,170	6,854	4,731	4,018	45	79,254	370,150
1938 ..	30,440	20,160	12,660	6,656	5,026	4,029	29	79,000	400,004
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	436,614
1940 ..	29,700	19,660	12,290	7,009	4,774	3,883	36	77,352	416,964
1941 ..	28,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692	407,534
Total since 10.10.12	1,297,486	853,094	485,623	284,760	207,380	140,141	1,102	3,269,586	16,075,355

(a) Including Australian Capital Territory.

## COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1939-40.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
Individuals—	No.	£	£ s. d.	%
Under £201 .. ..	214,341	261,661	1 4 5	1.7
£201 to £500 .. ..	71,033	466,344	6 11 4	3.0
£501 to £1,000 .. ..	37,108	842,157	22 13 11	5.5
£1,001 and over .. ..	28,092	5,852,654	224 6 2	37.8
Total Individuals .. ..	348,574	7,422,816	21 5 11	48.0
Companies .. ..	13,201	8,040,796	609 2 1	52.0
GRAND TOTAL .. ..	..	15,463,612	..	100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1938-39.

## COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment year—				
	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners .. ..	20,665	20,742	21,028	20,956	21,395
Absentee Owners .. ..	2,528	2,555	2,584	2,559	2,365
TOTAL .. ..	23,193	23,297	23,612	23,515	23,760
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident .. ..	217,603,579	224,124,954	225,774,692	228,207,419	234,273,013
Absentee .. ..	1,923,483	1,985,918	1,999,905	2,047,766	1,892,564
TOTAL .. ..	219,532,062	223,110,872	227,774,597	230,255,185	236,165,577
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident .. ..	248,008,473	256,376,660	257,346,942	257,277,026	272,109,061
Absentee .. ..	2,115,404	2,156,519	2,167,995	2,196,814	2,080,107
TOTAL .. ..	250,123,877	258,533,179	259,514,937	259,473,840	274,189,168
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	821,038	909,467	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246
Absentee Owners .. ..	8,592	9,760	10,082	10,673	11,324
TOTAL .. ..	829,630	919,227	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	313,268	333,903	339,487	372,713	388,763
Absentee Owners .. ..	2,483	2,704	3,267	3,342	4,248
TOTAL .. ..	315,751	336,607	342,754	376,055	393,011
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,134,306	1,243,370	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009
Absentee Owners .. ..	11,075	12,464	13,349	14,015	15,572
TOTAL .. ..	1,145,381	1,255,834	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED ac.	57,424.176	57,109.422	57,636.000	56,695.994	56,131.125
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.320d.	1.415d.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.686d.

(a) Excluding Crown Leaseholds.

## COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1939-40.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	No.	£	£	£
1,001- 2,000 .. ..	4,006	7,393,351	5,780,736	44,681
2,001- 3,000 .. ..	1,822	5,005,405	4,469,245	40,981
3,001- 4,000 .. ..	1,040	4,352,866	3,600,956	33,211
4,001- 5,000 .. ..	778	4,238,635	3,482,659	42,711
5,001-10,000 .. ..	1,439	12,087,535	10,139,289	168,205
10,001-20,000 .. ..	724	12,012,487	10,014,433	268,820
20,001-50,000 .. ..	399	15,317,195	11,702,275	604,572
50,001 and over .. ..	95	14,474,349	10,558,787	1,151,247
Total .. ..	10,303	75,481,823	59,748,380	2,359,428

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1939-40.

**COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable in each month.—Australia.(a)**

Month.	1940-41.			1941-42.(b)		
	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(c)	Net Taxable Sales.(c)	Sales Tax Payable.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(c)	Net Taxable Sales.(c)	Sales Tax Payable.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July .. .. .	40,159	14,699	1,225	46,969	19,398	(d)
August .. .. .	41,518	15,966	1,331	44,000	20,000	(d)
September .. .. .	45,049	16,581	1,381	47,000	22,000	(d)
Total, September Quarter ..	126,726	47,246	3,937	137,969	61,398	(d)
October .. .. .	46,142	17,891	1,491	..	..	..
November .. .. .	46,659	20,159	1,724	..	..	..
December (b) .. .. .	42,012	19,285	(d)	..	..	..
Total, December Quarter (b) ..	134,813	57,335	(d)	..	..	..
January (b) .. .. .	39,468	17,878	(d)	..	..	..
February (b) .. .. .	39,629	18,970	(d)	..	..	..
March (b) .. .. .	46,561	19,609	(d)	..	..	..
Total, March Quarter (b) ..	125,658	56,457	(d)	..	..	..
April (b) .. .. .	40,585	19,203	(d)	..	..	..
May (b) .. .. .	47,567	21,583	(d)	..	..	..
June (b) .. .. .	46,486	21,528	(d)	..	..	..
Total, June Quarter (b) ..	134,638	62,314	(d)	..	..	..
Total for Year (b) .. .. .	521,835	223,352	(d)	..	..	..

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. (b) Subject to revision. These figures, while not final, are not subject to the large adjustments necessitated in respect of "preliminary" figures in previous issues. (c) Including imports taxable at Customs house. (d) Not available.

**COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable.—Australia.(a)**

Commodity Group.	1939-40 (Twelve months), July to June.(b)			1940-41 (Eight months), July to February.(c)		
	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(d)	Net Taxable Sales.(d)	Sales Tax Payable.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(d)	Net Taxable Sales.(d)	Sales Tax Payable.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1. Ales, Spirits and Beverages ..	24,078	8,127	489	12,479	4,197	372
2. Tobacco and preparations thereof .. .. .	29,269	..	..	17,754	..	..
3. Sugar .. .. .	2,514	..	..	1,792	..	..
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries .. .. .	78,858	19,964	1,219	41,498	11,655	1,013
5. Textiles and Attire .. .. .	66,203	57,722	3,534	33,451	27,555	2,447
6. Metals and Machinery .. .. .	101,892	41,942	2,569	49,808	22,001	1,937
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	39,658	3,041	184	20,953	1,230	110
8. Earthenware, etc. .. .. .	9,764	3,166	193	6,174	3,240	232
9. Drugs and Chemicals .. .. .	13,874	4,265	258	7,428	2,813	243
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane .. .. .	17,837	6,544	401	9,943	5,212	391
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	9,279	5,589	339	5,486	2,785	277
12. Leather and Rubber .. .. .	13,933	6,311	385	8,060	3,573	334
13. Paper and Stationery .. .. .	16,879	10,166	625	9,125	5,472	506
14. Vehicles .. .. .	27,804	22,945	1,383	9,994	6,811	614
15. Musical Instruments .. .. .	460	333	20	157	109	11
16. Miscellaneous (e) .. .. .	11,870	4,985	305	6,351	3,028	276
16A. Unclassified (f) .. .. .	42,131	13,613	850	27,742	10,029	889
17. Unallotted .. .. .	5,396	319	19	2,463	111	10
Total .. .. .	511,699	209,032	12,773	270,658	109,821	9,662
States—						
New South Wales .. .. .	200,439	88,110	5,376	113,992	50,661	4,468
Victoria .. .. .	185,324	68,610	4,200	80,944	32,716	2,880
Queensland .. .. .	65,549	23,959	1,465	32,909	11,182	983
South Australia .. .. .	39,507	14,414	880	20,885	7,418	650
Western Australia .. .. .	30,318	10,460	637	16,060	5,937	514
Tasmania .. .. .	10,484	3,455	213	5,716	1,854	163
Northern Territory .. .. .	78	24	2	152	53	4
Total .. .. .	511,699	209,032	12,773	270,658	109,821	9,662

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. (b) Final figures. For preliminary figures see Quarterly Summary No. 161. (c) Preliminary figures, totals incomplete. The dissection into commodity groups has been discontinued as from February, 1941. (d) Including imports taxable at Customs House. (e) Including those commodities included in Customs Tariff Schedule 1933-39—Division 16. (f) Relates to returns covering several classes of commodities details for which are not individually specified.



## (B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the Unemployment Relief Fund, the Social Services Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board, and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Deductions have been made from the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications caused by inter-fund payments and to maintain uniformity from year to year in the presentation of statistics. A deduction of £856,873 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £60,752,444, and of £1,290,261 from the Expenditure total of £61,609,297. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted.

## STATE REVENUES, 1940-41.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation (b) ..	21,609,820	10,592,348	8,140,208	4,341,716	3,159,975	1,513,528	49,357,595
Railways ..	23,215,610	11,144,935	8,242,298	3,482,404	3,573,979	..	49,659,226
Tramways (c) ..	4,790,086	(f) 108,968	..	..	334,561	..	5,233,615
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,742,711	2,263,083	3,655	1,779,487	1,812,788	5,784	7,607,508
Land ..	1,633,415	534,109	1,614,985	294,347	318,828	71,036	4,466,720
Interest ..	438,756	1,478,083	1,288,021	912,086	381,259	452,332	4,950,537
Commonwealth Payments ..	2,917,411	2,127,159	1,096,235	1,583,816	1,123,432	666,859	9,514,912
All other Sources ..	3,547,762	933,972	1,154,347	530,807	727,246	212,034	7,106,168
Total Revenue ..	59,895,571	29,182,657	21,539,749	12,924,663	11,432,068	2,921,573	137,896,281
Total Revenue per head (a) ..	£ s. d. 21 11 3	£ s. d. 15 7 8	£ s. d. 21 3 1	£ s. d. 21 15 6	£ s. d. 24 13 5	£ s. d. 12 6 2	£ s. d. 19 14 9

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1928-29 AND 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	46,240,658	27,286,329	16,725,682	10,840,914	9,947,951	2,766,434	113,807,968
1937 ..	49,159,077	27,221,267	16,535,038	11,739,306	10,185,433	3,488,524	118,328,645
1938 ..	59,545,720	27,614,982	17,339,731	12,460,936	10,819,042	3,639,755	125,420,166
1939 ..	51,709,735	26,985,548	19,330,369	12,303,597	10,949,660	3,614,764	124,893,673
1940 ..	54,754,626	28,102,735	20,755,504	12,755,648	11,119,943	3,055,310	130,543,766
1941 ..	59,895,571	29,182,657	21,539,749	12,924,663	11,432,068	2,921,573	137,896,281

## STATE EXPENDITURES, 1940-41.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	15,371,287	8,610,865	7,091,918	5,321,870	4,553,419	1,313,078	42,262,437
Railways ..	16,746,196	8,670,912	6,521,905	2,785,241	2,734,241	5,660	37,464,155
Tramways (f) ..	4,193,980	..	..	..	258,713	..	4,452,693
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	965,025	1,176,178	5,686	672,085	867,112	2,912	3,658,998
Education ..	5,608,975	3,182,682	1,829,075	1,085,941	890,165	406,416	13,003,254
Hospitals ..	2,285,308	1,279,067	537,250	497,524	157,120	153,521	4,909,790
Other Charities ..	7,098,917	1,997,678	1,186,601	431,721	332,342	201,182	11,248,441
All other Expenditure	8,049,348	4,122,975	4,338,878	2,213,216	1,627,545	1,020,435	21,372,697
Total Expenditure	60,319,036	29,040,357	21,511,313	13,007,598	11,420,957	3,103,204	138,402,465
Total Expenditure per head (g) ..	£ s. d. 21 14 4	£ s. d. 15 6 2	£ s. d. 21 2 6	£ s. d. 21 18 3	£ s. d. 24 13 0	£ s. d. 13 1 5	£ s. d. 19 16 2

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1928-29 AND 1936-37 TO 1940-41.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	48,159,691	27,251,578	16,902,145	11,771,772	10,223,919	2,855,977	117,165,082
1937 ..	49,081,953	27,192,344	16,815,228	11,600,138	10,556,638	3,443,618	118,689,919
1938 ..	53,495,881	27,584,037	17,568,223	12,334,391	10,829,735	3,632,903	125,445,170
1939 ..	54,163,064	27,772,790	19,316,323	12,700,921	11,170,102	3,640,748	128,763,948
1940 ..	57,049,577	28,096,474	20,739,749	12,918,376	11,266,768	3,052,909	133,123,853
1941 ..	60,319,036	29,040,357	21,511,313	13,007,598	11,420,957	3,103,204	138,402,465

(a) Excluding particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1940-41, see p. 39. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Based on mean population for the financial year.

## STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1940-41.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.(b)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (a)	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Works—							
Railways ..	1,297,641	618,610	529,512	188,722	47,049	33,575	2,715,109
Tramways (c) ..	Cr. 232,255			Cr. 30,000	8,724		Cr. 253,531
Roads and Bridges ..	148,853	Cr. 30,366	358,621	(d) 52,000	Cr. 139		
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	211,055	Cr. 2,741	15,720	41,247	14,363	38,612	847,225
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	126,539	456,987	274,000	939,912	109,543		1,906,981
Public Buildings ..	625,270	414,567	522,183	91,478	153,047	141,043	1,947,588
Unemployment Relief ..	825,877	478,721			980,490	Cr. 4,952	2,280,136
Other Public Works, &c. ..	440,138	247,028	459,483	335,065	8,307	720,642	2,219,663
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (e) ..	10,120	Cr.400,625	55,579	Cr.127,491	Cr. 39,362	Cr.73,492	Cr. 575,271
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	798,783		Cr. 14,034	26,035	36,569		847,353
Other ..	193,728	Cr. 59,043	21,613	51,819	43,689		251,806
Other purposes ..		15,853	Cr. 51	37,940	47,034		100,776
Total Works, &c. ..	4,445,749	1,738,991	2,222,626	1,606,727	1,409,314	864,428	12,237,835
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Per Head (f) ..	1 12 0	0 18 4	2 3 8	2 14 2	3 0 10	3 12 10	1 15 2
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	2,690,440			162,728	Cr. 11,111	181,631	3,023,688
Discounts and Flotation Expenses ..	45,666	15,350	Cr.153,774		8,373	88,000	3,615
Other ..			100,000				100,000
Grand Total ..	7,181,855	1,754,341	2,168,852	1,769,455	1,406,576	1,134,059	15,415,138

(a) Including expenditure from Loan Suspense Account. (b) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds, from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (c) Including Omnibuses. (d) Loans to Metropolitan Tramways Trust. (e) Including Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (f) Based on mean population of financial year.

## TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1941.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Works—							
Railways and Tramways ..	162,832	77,496	66,127	38,837	26,930	7,371	379,593
Roads and Bridges ..	20,324	12,642	4,987	3,891	3,183		
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	22,047	1,405	2,813	8,469	7,464	7,206	94,431
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	40,932	31,522	1,327	19,893	14,683		108,357
Electricity Supply ..	2,337	17,839			1,851	6,556	28,583
Public Buildings ..	17,224	7,572	6,984	4,172	2,722	2,752	41,426
Unemployment Relief ..	17,441	13,019			(b)	366	30,826
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	11,389	3,729	25,787	8,135	3,077	(d) 4,147	56,264
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (e) ..	12,328	44,056	5,621	12,187	17,853	3,201	95,246
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	18,995		2,001	9,219	3,718		33,933
Other ..	7,973	4,873	8,285	2,253	13,938		37,322
Other purposes ..		159	424	4,083	3,402		8,068
Total Works ..	333,822	214,312	124,356	111,139	98,821	31,599	914,049
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	43,222	4,864	5,827	9,168	12,106	1,017	76,204
Other (f) ..	17,714	5,770	9,793	1,209	4,088		38,574
Grand Total ..	394,758	224,946	139,976	121,516	115,015	32,616	1,028,827

(a) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (b) Not available separately—distributed over individual items. (c) Including Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, Immigration, &c. (d) Including Loan Flotation Expenses. (e) Including Advances to Settlers and Soldiers' Land Settlement. (f) Discounts and Flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c.

## STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (b)	£'000. Aust.	£'000. Stg.	£'000. (a)	£'000. (c)
New South Wales ..	197,962	158,697	12,316	368,975	6,693	5,916	596	13,205
Victoria ..	114,255	62,465	4,499	181,219	4,275	2,402	221	6,898
Queensland ..	60,612	62,788	6,694	130,094	2,141	2,785	379	5,305
South Australia ..	65,196	42,850	1,734	109,780	2,421	1,674	87	4,182
Western Australia ..	51,887	43,890	2,015	97,792	1,791	1,685	100	3,576
Tasmania ..	14,582	13,352	228	28,162	546	492	12	1,050
Total ..	504,494	384,042	27,486	916,022	17,867	14,954	1,395	34,216

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. (b) For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (c) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable, takes no account of exchange.

## (C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Six months ended December—					
	1940-41.			1941-42.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a) ..	26,154	29,348	— 3,194	28,846	29,689	— 843
Victoria ..	10,541	13,356	— 2,815	11,654	14,408	— 2,754
Queensland ..	9,231	10,573	— 1,342	9,433	10,753	— 1,320
South Australia ..	5,440	6,300	— 860	6,453	6,705	— 252
Western Australia ..	5,142	5,669	— 527	5,388	5,844	— 456
Tasmania ..	1,144	1,517	— 373	1,404	1,676	— 272
Total, Six States ..	57,652	66,763	— 9,111	63,178	69,075	— 5,897
Commonwealth ..	52,777	52,224	+ 553	76,074	76,074	..
Grand Total (b) ..	105,612	114,170	— 8,558	134,310	140,207	— 5,897

(a) Excluding Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget, and from the Unemployment Relief Fund. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States on account of interest on States' debts, special grants, &c.

## TAXATION REVENUE AND ADMINISTRATIVE, ETC., EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Revenue from Taxation.		Expenditure—Administration, Works and Social Services including Unemployment Relief.	
	Six months ended December—			
	1940-41.	1941-42.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales .. .. .	6,714	8,209	11,742	10,464
Victoria .. .. .	2,383	2,675	4,771	5,062
Queensland .. .. .	2,394	2,416	3,788	3,725
South Australia .. .. .	1,227	1,757	1,996	1,934
Western Australia .. .. .	1,102	1,074	1,484	1,553
Tasmania .. .. .	457	629	813	959
Total, Six States .. .. .	14,277	16,760	24,594	23,697
Commonwealth .. .. .	40,517	62,825	(a)27,734	(a)48,620
Grand Total .. .. .	54,794	79,585	52,328	72,317

(a) Excluding Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Including Defence and War Services (excluding Interest, &c., charges), £9,047,000, 1940-41; £24,390,000, 1941-42.

## BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

State, &c.	Revenue.		Expenditure.	
	Six months ended December—			
	1940-41.	1941-42.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales .. ..	15,456	16,433	9,833	11,426
Victoria (b) .. ..	5,509	6,311	4,267	4,949
Queensland (c) .. ..	4,545	4,720	3,309	3,642
South Australia .. ..	2,675	3,066	1,666	2,103
Western Australia .. ..	2,826	3,053	1,888	1,977
Tasmania(d) .. ..	..	..	..	..
Total, Six States .. ..	31,011	33,583	20,963	24,097
Commonwealth .. ..	9,655	10,962	6,735	7,946
Grand Total .. ..	40,666	44,545	27,698	32,043

(a) Excluding Interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coal-mine only. (c) Railways only. (d) Since the creation of the Transport Commission, transport finance has been separated from Consolidated Revenue.



## TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1940-41.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income and Dividend Tax.	Other Taxes on Income. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties.	Motor Taxes.	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
TOTAL.									
N. South Wales	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Victoria ..	..	7,777,938	8,917,621	2,411	2,316,161	1,475,192	2,925,307	1,120,497	24,535,127
Queensland ..	..	5,009,172	1,585,491	492,939	1,433,954	973,711	1,925,430	1,126,948	12,547,045
South Australia ..	..	3,886,399	2,369,883	407,673	550,806	538,131	1,026,911	400,630	9,180,433
Western Aust. ..	..	2,476,119	..	306,220	280,289	236,334	698,117	422,842	4,419,921
Tasmania ..	..	2,059,485	568,935	120,515	164,636	235,666	456,851	287,140	3,893,228
	..	474,571	333,447	87,054	127,791	83,314	214,294	(c) 407,351	1,727,822
Total States ..	..	21,683,684	13,775,377	1,416,812	4,873,637	3,542,348	7,246,910	3,765,408	56,304,176
Commonwealth	53,779,783	39,315,548	d 3,989,691	3,190,822	2,364,133	..	..	e22,743,545	125,383,522
Grand Total	53,779,783	60,999,232	17,765,068	4,607,634	7,237,770	3,542,348	7,246,910	26,508,953	181,687,698

## PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(f)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
N. South Wales	..	2 16 0	3 4 3	0 16 9	0 16 8	0 10 7	1 1 1	0 8 1	8 16 8
Victoria ..	..	2 12 10	0 16 9	0 5 2	0 15 1	0 10 3	1 0 4	0 11 10	6 12 3
Queensland ..	..	3 16 4	2 6 7	0 8 0	0 10 10	0 19 6	1 0 2	0 7 11	9 0 4
South Australia ..	..	4 3 5	..	0 10 4	0 9 5	0 8 0	1 3 6	0 14 3	7 8 11
Western Aust. ..	..	4 8 11	1 4 7	0 5 2	0 7 1	0 10 2	0 19 9	0 12 5	8 8 1
Tasmania ..	..	2 0 0	1 8 1	0 7 4	0 10 9	0 7 0	0 18 1	1 14 4	7 5 7
Total States ..	..	3 2 1	1 19 5	0 4 1	0 13 10	0 10 2	1 0 9	0 10 10	8 1 2
Commonwealth	7 13 5	5 12 2	0 11 5	0 9 1	0 6 9	..	..	3 4 10	17 17 8
Grand Total	7 13 5	8 14 0	2 10 8	0 13 2	1 0 8	0 10 1	1 0 8	3 15 7	25 18 3

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. (b) Including Social Services, Unemployment Relief, State Development, Financial Emergency, Hospital, Special Income and Wages Taxes. (c) Including Income Tax on Lottery prizes. (d) War-time (Company) Tax and Super tax. (e) Including Sales, Flour and Gold Taxes. (f) Based on mean population for the financial year.

## TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.			Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Other.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1936-37 ..	42,993,032	19,780,420	62,773,452	45,449,101	108,222,553
1937-38 ..	48,383,005	20,665,480	69,048,485	49,674,765	118,723,250
1938-39 ..	47,632,365	26,404,534	74,036,899	50,506,997	124,543,896
1939-40 ..	53,824,906	36,185,757	90,010,663	54,386,815	144,397,478
1940-41 ..	53,779,783	71,603,739	125,383,522	56,304,176	181,687,698

## TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PER HEAD.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.(a)			Taxation by State Governments. (b)	Total Taxation. (a)
	Customs and Excise.	Other.	Total.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1936-37 ..	6 6 4	2 18 2	9 4 6	6 13 11	15 18 1
1937-38 ..	7 1 0	3 0 2	10 1 2	7 5 1	17 5 11
1938-39 ..	6 17 7	3 16 2	10 13 9	7 6 2	17 19 6
1939-40 ..	7 14 0	5 3 6	12 17 6	7 16 0	20 13 0
1940-41 ..	7 13 5	10 4 3	17 17 8	8 1 2	25 18 3

(a) Based on mean population of Commonwealth for each financial year. mean population of the six States, for each financial year.

(b) Based on aggregate

## NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Six months ended December.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Commonwealth.(a)	Grand Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1940-41 .. ..	2,054	473	775	198	627	425	4,552	55,866	60,418
1941-42 .. ..	2,547	587	998	Cr. 22	316	344	4,770	97,007	101,777

(a) Gross Loan expenditure. Includes Defence and War Services, £54,946,000, 1940-41; £96,492,000, 1941-42.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(i) TOTAL DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.
PUBLIC DEBT.						
Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	183,063,205	179,058,853	175,193,890	173,028,896	171,240,024
	London £Stg.	90,744,381	90,744,381	90,744,381	90,744,381	90,744,380
War (1939-41)	Australia £A.	..	..	..	46,808,759	109,049,579
	London £Stg.	..	..	..	5,810,000	17,875,000
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	31,755,432	37,341,609	43,302,593	37,279,039	39,458,596
	London £Stg.	65,034,246	67,619,246	72,096,566	65,779,396	65,384,097
	New York £Stg.	16,201,952	16,080,972	15,913,501	15,876,718	15,876,718
Total ..	Australia £A.	214,818,637	216,400,462	218,496,483	257,116,685	320,348,199
	London £Stg.	155,778,627	158,363,627	162,840,947	162,333,777	174,003,477
	New York £Stg.	16,201,952	16,080,972	15,913,501	15,876,718	15,876,718
Total ..	..	386,799,216	390,845,061	397,250,931	435,327,180	510,228,394
State .. ..	Australia £A.	459,579,899	469,742,248	485,179,757	493,646,681	504,494,372
	London £Stg.	387,633,735	385,888,993	384,327,833	384,162,382	384,041,606
	New York £Stg.	28,747,909	28,549,461	28,264,451	27,918,001	27,486,068
Total ..	..	875,961,543	884,180,702	897,772,041	905,727,064	916,022,046
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	674,398,536	686,142,710	703,676,240	750,763,366	824,842,571
	London £Stg.	543,412,362	544,252,620	547,168,780	546,496,159	558,045,083
	New York £Stg.	44,949,861	44,630,433	44,177,952	43,794,719	43,362,786
Total ..	..	1,262,760,759	1,275,025,763	1,295,022,972	1,341,054,244	1,426,250,440

## (ii) DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.						
Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	£ s. d. 26 15 11	£ s. d. 25 19 6	£ s. d. 25 3 4	£ s. d. 24 12 2	£ s. d. 24 2 3
	London £Stg.	13 5 8	13 3 3	13 0 9	12 18 2	12 15 6
War (1939-41)	Australia £A.	..	..	..	6 13 2	15 8 9
	London £Stg.	..	..	..	0 16 6	2 10 5
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	4 13 0	5 8 4	6 4 5	5 6 0	5 11 1
	London £Stg.	9 10 5	9 16 3	10 7 1	9 7 1	9 4 1
	New York £Stg.	2 7 5	2 6 8	2 5 9	2 5 2	2 4 9
Total ..	Australia £A.	31 8 11	31 7 10	31 7 9	36 11 4	45 2 1
	London £Stg.	22 16 1	22 19 6	23 7 10	23 1 9	24 10 0
	New York £Stg.	2 7 5	2 6 8	2 5 9	2 5 2	2 4 9
Total ..	..	56 12 5	56 14 0	57 1 4	61 18 3	71 16 10
State ..	Australia £A.	67 8 7	68 6 5	69 17 8	70 8 4	71 5 4
	London £Stg.	56 17 6	56 2 6	55 7 2	54 15 11	54 5 0
	New York £Stg.	4 4 4	4 3 0	4 1 5	3 19 8	3 17 8
Total ..	..	128 10 5	128 11 11	129 6 3	129 3 11	129 8 0
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	98 14 5	99 10 9	101 1 10	106 15 6	116 2 9
	London £Stg.	79 10 11	78 19 1	78 12 1	77 14 6	78 11 5
	New York £Stg.	6 11 7	6 9 6	6 6 11	6 4 7	6 2 1
Total ..	..	184 16 11	184 19 4	186 0 10	190 14 7	200 16 3

## (iii)—INTEREST PAYABLE.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A. London £Stg. (a) New York £Stg.	8,245,897 3,040,262 790,935	8,301,752 3,201,299 785,240	8,344,627 3,403,554 777,586	9,420,640 3,387,796 775,930	11,248,796 3,736,322 775,930
Total(b) ..	..	12,077,094	12,288,291	12,525,767	13,584,366	15,761,048
State ..	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £Stg.	16,333,969 15,070,888 1,466,264	16,715,028 15,010,049 1,456,415	17,240,238 14,962,882 1,441,476	17,593,171 14,958,802 1,420,694	17,866,911 14,954,603 1,394,925
Total(b) ..	..	32,871,121	33,181,492	33,644,596	33,972,667	34,216,439
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A. London £Stg. (a) New York £Stg.	24,579,866 18,111,150 2,257,199	25,016,780 18,211,348 2,241,655	25,584,865 18,366,436 2,219,062	27,013,811 18,346,598 2,196,624	29,115,707 18,690,925 2,170,855
Total(b) ..	..	44,948,215	45,469,783	46,170,363	47,557,033	49,977,487

(a) Excluding suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,220). (b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

## (iv)—AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.						
Commonwealth and State	Australia London(a) New York	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		3 12 11	3 12 11	3 12 9	3 12 4	3 11 1
		3 18 1	3 18 5	3 18 7	3 18 7	3 18 2
		5 0 5	5 0 5	5 0 6	5 0 4	5 0 2
Total(b)	..	3 16 0	3 16 1	3 16 0	3 15 8	3 14 6

(a) See note (a) to previous table (iii). (b) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account of exchange.

## (v)—SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At—									
		30th June, 1934.	30th June, 1935.	30th June, 1936.	30th June, 1937.	30th June, 1938.	30th June, 1939.	30th June, 1940.	30th June, 1941.	31st Dec., 1941.	
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
	London £Stg.	10,220	10,220	10,220	9,720	5,495	4,220	3,970	1,750	55,000	
State .. ..	Australia £A.	48,469	45,124	47,013	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	45,423	51,353	
	London £Stg.	23,405	23,405	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	25,453	
Total .. ..	Australia £A.	48,469	45,124	47,013	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	47,173	106,353	
	London £Stg.	33,625	33,625	33,375	32,875	28,650	27,375	27,125	26,875	28,923	

(a) Excluding Overdrafts.

## (D.) BANKING.

## ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)

Quarter ended—	Deposits.			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits.	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits.
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total.				
	£	£	£	£	£	%	%
June, 1937 ..	137,922,255	236,787,625	374,709,880	294,273,960	89,630,990	36.7	74.8
„ 1938 ..	141,044,095	250,499,233	391,543,328	323,201,132	86,840,366	35.9	78.6
„ 1939 ..	140,225,435	250,561,218	390,786,653	332,688,203	93,820,443	35.6	81.3
„ 1940 ..	170,778,504	268,195,648	438,974,152	347,379,567	118,733,337	38.9	75.7
Mar., 1941 ..	188,843,336	270,449,652	459,292,988	328,073,951	140,714,944	41.0	68.2
June, 1941 ..	189,643,072	268,408,222	458,051,294	330,534,522	142,927,611	41.3	68.9
Sept., 1941 ..	185,715,029	258,408,768	444,123,797	328,357,026	149,597,900	41.7	70.5
Dec., 1941 ..	200,484,290	261,313,850	461,798,140	323,388,324	176,824,813	43.3	66.8

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Includes Short-term Loans other than Treasury Bills of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.



## NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

## AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.(a)	Total.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
June, 1937..	167,360	2,764,805	1,000,128	119,195,904	195,427,215	314,623,119	318,555,412
" 1938..	167,212	2,927,840	941,148	120,407,999	201,520,941	321,928,940	325,965,140
" 1939..	167,097	3,066,541	809,769	120,112,182	203,851,529	323,963,711	328,007,118
" 1940..	166,877	3,592,048	1,000,181	138,438,117	214,685,760	353,123,877	357,882,983
Mar., 1941..	166,670	3,354,832	953,892	160,743,173	210,383,935	371,127,108	375,602,502
June, 1941..	166,766	3,580,601	931,934	157,746,234	209,955,497	367,701,731	372,381,032
Sept., 1941..	166,747	3,475,713	965,764	159,201,706	204,665,622	363,867,328	368,475,552
Dec., 1941..	166,725	3,603,255	1,187,259	173,734,273	205,537,452	379,271,725	384,228,964

(a) Including inscribed deposit stock of the Queensland National and E.S. and A. Banks.

## NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

## AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities. (a)	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Overdrafts and all other assets.	Total Assets.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
June, 1937	2,234,178	36,067,141	41,710,572	8,543,067	1,353,542	2,155,652	259,710,922	351,825,074
" 1938	2,582,311	30,938,331	41,465,023	9,120,699	1,563,336	2,205,041	284,100,518	371,975,259
" 1939	3,006,537	27,448,820	47,297,917	9,557,764	1,631,357	2,183,672	290,776,158	381,902,225
" 1940	2,193,383	36,793,049	83,617,013	9,982,499	2,099,207	2,339,812	286,784,220	423,809,183
Mar., 1941	2,362,000	43,194,584	101,130,634	10,240,228	2,583,768	2,243,376	278,212,908	439,967,498
June, 1941	2,139,134	34,225,594	102,353,974	10,297,060	2,736,735	2,536,965	283,053,867	437,343,329
Sept., 1941	2,102,582	36,822,549	95,750,541	10,324,196	3,214,682	2,220,915	281,958,250	422,393,715
Dec., 1941	2,101,132	345,331,006	108,324,839	10,070,128	3,336,883	2,432,501	277,976,737	449,573,226

(a) Including Treasury Bills.  
Bank.

(b) Including special war-time deposits with Commonwealth

## COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	General Banking Department.						Note Issue and General Banking Department.	
	Business within Australia.							
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short-term Loans.	Government and Municipal Securities. (b)	Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London. (c)	Notes held outside Commonwealth Bank.
	Not Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.					
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1937	16,534,597	37,635,236	54,169,833	24,459,313	11,311,802	43,626,856	47,499	42,982
" 1938	18,505,546	45,256,710	63,762,256	19,404,009	15,159,773	41,952,657	42,849	45,802
" 1939	18,127,674	43,274,759	61,402,433	18,745,765	18,947,594	44,934,725	32,866	44,128
" 1940	30,053,407	50,169,377	80,222,784	28,968,233	37,411,771	33,086,001	58,539	51,606
Mar., 1941	25,041,148	56,708,121	81,749,269	36,645,130	27,148,073	37,071,715	79,782	60,382
June, 1941	28,699,147	55,150,275	83,849,422	29,078,419	24,625,654	37,975,659	74,201	63,724
Sept., 1941	23,429,268	50,323,428	73,752,696	31,820,952	23,780,271	51,333,318	55,498	67,886
Dec., 1941	23,482,063	52,340,001	75,822,064	40,047,931	23,443,980	65,958,302	53,381	73,932

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted.  
(c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds.

(b) Including Treasury Bills.

## SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
June—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1937 ..	81,952	75,721	27,304	26,506	11,835	7,215	59	259	230,851
1938 ..	86,016	78,877	28,206	27,244	12,037	7,692	68	292	240,432
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1940 ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,563	11,860	8,518	192	350	236,991
1941 ..	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,510	12,521	8,941	357	374	252,231
1940—									
Oct. ..	84,568	81,479	29,499	26,915	12,233	8,713	246	358	244,011
Nov. ..	85,110	82,249	29,624	27,007	12,327	8,748	259	362	245,686
Dec. ..	84,884	81,914	29,278	26,727	12,203	8,654	262	362	244,284
1941—									
Oct. ..	91,314	89,861	30,561	28,544	13,219	9,320	396	384	263,599
Nov. ..	91,499	90,995	30,610	28,629	13,329	9,381	418	378	265,239
Dec. ..	91,658	91,561	30,591	28,817	13,299	9,388	395	387	266,096

(a) Including Commonwealth Savings Bank.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £21,321,838 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and December, 1941.

## COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
30th June—									
1932 (a)	71,647,869	7,098,817	22,951,758	2,127,288	10,217,739	1,581,718	40,440	274,836	115,940,465
1938 ..	86,015,685	10,734,968	28,206,457	3,091,789	12,037,486	2,220,186	67,921	292,461	142,666,953
1939 ..	87,473,789	11,242,366	29,044,712	3,166,990	12,396,191	2,357,983	98,814	318,804	146,099,649
1940 ..	82,110,900	11,784,730	28,251,873	3,093,912	11,860,151	2,297,110	191,926	350,234	139,940,836
1941 ..	87,750,125	13,942,256	29,088,999	3,509,003	12,521,149	2,423,313	356,590	373,814	149,965,249
1940—									
Oct. ..	84,568,163	12,728,909	29,499,415	3,248,639	12,232,488	2,327,425	246,399	357,791	145,209,229
Nov. ..	85,109,821	12,959,546	29,623,927	3,293,076	12,326,696	2,341,978	259,335	362,066	146,276,985
Dec. ..	84,884,067	12,956,000	29,277,585	3,274,258	12,202,514	2,321,910	261,832	361,900	145,540,066
1941—									
Oct. ..	91,313,614	15,069,730	30,561,225	3,786,387	13,219,419	2,533,442	396,079	383,834	157,263,730
Nov. ..	91,499,345	15,369,124	30,610,459	3,850,215	13,328,848	2,555,544	417,718	377,699	158,008,952
Dec. ..	91,657,997	15,666,654	30,591,410	3,938,621	13,298,579	2,572,573	394,982	387,493	158,508,309

(a) Government Savings Banks of New South Wales and Western Australia were taken over on 14th December, 1931, and 31st October, 1931, respectively. The deposits taken over were:—New South Wales, £55,212,924, Australian Capital Territory, £50,569, and Western Australia, £7,255,591.

## BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth.	Hobart.
	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bills transactions.(a)	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bills transactions.(a)				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Year 1938 ..	23,227	18,065	16,855	16,076	4,164	3,048	2,092	590
„ 1939 ..	23,428	17,930	16,627	15,626	4,288	2,930	2,059	652
„ 1940 ..	26,073	20,538	19,380	18,829	4,803	3,426	2,293	701
„ 1941 ..	26,978	21,841	21,621	21,010	4,676	3,753	2,234	699
1941—								
30th Sept. to 27th Oct. ..	28,304	22,699	22,365	21,966	5,357	3,853	2,352	740
28th Oct. to 24th Nov. ..	28,778	23,478	23,483	22,774	4,669	4,232	2,363	725
25th Nov. to 31st Dec. ..	27,876	23,731	23,399	22,721	4,620	3,971	2,339	674

(a) Average weekly clearings exclusive of transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales, since October, 1930.

# Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

## A.—Railways.

### RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

Heading.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Government—					
Commonwealth ..	2,145	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,124 (90)	6,113 (90)	6,114 (97)	6,141 (69)	6,127 (69)
Victoria ..	4,721 (25)	4,721 (25)	4,759 (25)	4,759 (25)	4,759 (25)
Queensland ..	6,567 (228)	6,567 (212)	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)	6,567 (183)
South Australia ..	2,529 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,357 (277)	4,376 (277)	4,378 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)
Tasmania ..	651 (132)	651 (132)	658 (132)	645 (116)	642 (116)
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>27,094 (803)</b>	<b>27,186 (787)</b>	<b>27,234 (765)</b>	<b>27,251 (721)</b>	<b>27,234 (721)</b>

### GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

#### CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.

Government.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	16,081,606	16,897,209	17,032,884	17,191,356	17,332,574
New South Wales ..	145,257,282	146,808,073	147,617,530	149,203,908	149,575,526
Victoria ..	77,164,316	(a) 51,764,255	52,448,789	52,037,722	52,229,383
Queensland ..	36,818,984	37,446,264	37,897,129	38,369,254	38,777,931
South Australia ..	29,203,229	29,582,615	29,732,889	30,109,220	30,399,735
Western Australia ..	25,470,403	25,779,661	26,021,781	26,187,632	26,309,388
Tasmania ..	(b) 2,033,045	2,106,081	2,140,330	2,155,261	2,248,034
<b>Total(c) ..</b>	<b>336,391,365</b>	<b>314,746,658</b>	<b>317,253,832</b>	<b>319,616,853</b>	<b>321,235,071</b>

(a) The capital was reduced by £25,684,423 on 1st July, 1937. (b) The capital was reduced by £4,378,000 on 1st July, 1936. (c) Including £4,362,500 for Grafton-South Brisbane line.

#### AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
Commonwealth ..	2,145	2,197	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,124	6,114	6,114	6,118	6,127
Victoria ..	4,721	4,721	4,754	4,759	4,759
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,529	2,555	2,557	2,557	2,557
Western Australia ..	4,357	4,374	4,376	4,380	4,381
Tasmania ..	651	651	658	644	642
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>27,094</b>	<b>27,179</b>	<b>27,227</b>	<b>27,226</b>	<b>27,234</b>

#### TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(a)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	721	758	902	958	1,234
New South Wales ..	28,547	30,203	30,106	29,471	32,285
Victoria ..	17,211	17,917	17,890	17,008	17,767
Queensland ..	12,963	13,648	13,927	14,190	14,603
South Australia ..	5,606	6,111	6,177	5,928	5,892
Western Australia ..	6,075	6,372	6,575	6,134	6,144
Tasmania ..	1,864	1,933	1,906	2,064	2,167
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>72,987</b>	<b>76,942</b>	<b>77,483</b>	<b>75,753</b>	<b>80,092</b>

(a) Exclusive of "Assistant" and "Light" mileages.

#### GROSS REVENUE—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	442	443	547	622	971
New South Wales ..	18,616	20,286	19,946	20,755	24,016
Victoria ..	10,135	9,735	9,284	9,861	11,239
Queensland ..	7,092	7,383	7,798	8,090	8,415
South Australia ..	3,008	3,285	3,119	3,168	3,512
Western Australia ..	3,462	3,678	3,599	3,556	3,572
Tasmania ..	479	464	487	536	600
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>43,234</b>	<b>45,274</b>	<b>44,780</b>	<b>46,588</b>	<b>52,325</b>



## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth .. .. .	411	512	642	842	903
New South Wales .. .. .	12,355	13,760	14,543	14,647	17,162
Victoria .. .. .	7,259	7,830	8,060	8,058	8,959
Queensland .. .. .	5,465	5,887	6,193	6,368	6,708
South Australia .. .. .	2,557	2,867	2,931	2,937	3,062
Western Australia .. .. .	2,620	2,710	2,911	2,828	2,758
Tasmania .. .. .	620	676	678	688	761
Total .. .. .	31,287	34,242	35,958	36,368	40,313
NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth .. .. .	31	-69	-95	-220	68
New South Wales .. .. .	6,261	6,526	5,403	6,108	6,854
Victoria .. .. .	2,876	1,905	1,224	1,803	2,280
Queensland .. .. .	1,627	1,496	1,605	1,722	1,707
South Australia .. .. .	451	418	188	231	450
Western Australia .. .. .	842	968	688	728	814
Tasmania .. .. .	-141	-212	-191	-152	-161
Total .. .. .	11,947	11,032	8,822	10,220	12,012

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

## PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.

	%	%	%	%	%
Commonwealth .. .. .	0.20	-0.41	-0.56	-1.28	0.39
New South Wales .. .. .	4.31	4.45	3.66	4.09	4.58
Victoria .. .. .	3.73	(a) 3.68	(a) 2.33	(a) 3.47	(a) 4.37
Queensland .. .. .	4.42	3.99	4.24	4.49	4.40
South Australia .. .. .	1.55	1.41	0.63	0.77	1.48
Western Australia .. .. .	3.31	3.75	2.64	2.78	3.09
Tasmania(b) .. .. .	-6.96	-10.06	-8.91	-7.02	-7.16
Total(c) .. .. .	3.55	3.55	2.78	3.20	3.74

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) The capital indebtedness was reduced by £25,684,423 on 1st July, 1937.

(b) The capital indebtedness was reduced by £4,378,000 on 1st July, 1936.

(c) Including Grafton-South Brisbane line.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.  
PARTICULARS FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1940.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land(a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open .. .. .	2,201	6,141	4,759	6,497	2,557	4,381	642	27,178
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.)£	68	2,072	1,199	576	204	189	38	4,346
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	75	3,711	1,207	1,823	609	648	92	8,165
cMiscellaneous £	70	(d) 274	222	(e) 58	23	5	5	652
cTotal Revenue £	213	(f) 6,057	2,628	2,399	871	860	135	13,163
cExpenditure £	192	3,656	2,034	1,657	666	695	(g) 152	9,052
cTrain-miles run	284	8,195	4,413	4,072	1,495	(h) 1,491	(i) 523	20,478
Earnings per train-mile	15s. 0d.	14s. 9d.	11s. 11d.	11s. 9d.	11s. 8d.	11s. 6d.	5s. 1d.	12s. 10d.
Expenditure per train-mile	13s. 6d.	8s. 11d.	9s. 3d.	8s. 2d.	8s. 11d.	9s. 4d.	5s. 9d.	8s. 10d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. .. .	89.94	60.35	77.39	69.09	76.47	80.86	112.65	68.77
cPassenger-journeys, No.	39	46,381	38,615	7,008	4,573	2,718	659	99,993
cCoal and Coke carried, tons .. .. .	3	2,660	72	257	31	71	102	3,196
cOther Minerals carried, tons .. .. .	6	402	(j)	135	166	(k) 49	(l)	758
cLive Stock carried, tons	21	201	153	181	50	27	6	639
cOther Goods carried „	33	1,901	1,397	1,440	542	435	125	5,873
cTotal Freight carried „	63	5,164	1,622	2,013	789	582	233	10,466

(a) Excluding Grafton-South Brisbane line.

(b) Including Road Motors.

(c) '000 omitted.

(d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.

(e) Included with Coaching.

(f) Excluding Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines.

(g) Excluding depreciation.

(h) Including Assistant and Light miles.

(i) Including Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles.

(j) Included with Other Goods.

(k) Miscellaneous, including Ores and Minerals.

(l) Included with Coal and Coke.

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

## PARTICULARS FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1941.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open .. ..	2,201	6,127	4,759	6,497	2,557	4,381	642	27,164
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	129	2,671	1,517	685	303	253	48	5,606
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	210	3,307	1,256	1,821	637	700	99	8,030
cMiscellaneous .. £	71	(d) 325	255	(e) 78	29	5	5	763
cTotal Revenue .. £	410	(f) 6,303	3,028	2,506	1,018	982	152	14,399
cExpenditure .. £	276	4,273	2,359	1,815	848	737	(g) 188	10,496
cTrain-miles run ..	412	8,484	4,456	4,030	1,604	(h) 1,637	(i) 573	21,196
Earnings per train-mile	19s. 11d.	14s. 10d.	13s. 7d.	12s. 5d.	12s. 8d.	12s. 0d.	5s. 4d.	13s. 7d.
Expenditure per train-mile	13s. 5d.	10s. 1d.	10s. 7d.	9s. 0d.	10s. 6d.	9s. 0d.	6s. 7d.	9s. 10s.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	67.15	67.80	77.89	72.44	83.31	75.10	124.04	72.40
cPassenger-journeys, No.	82	52,463	43,712	7,633	6,350	3,458	789	114,967
cCoal and Coke carried, tons .. ..	9	2,120	105	240	42	77	100	2,693
cOther Minerals carried, tons .. ..	10	567	(j)	110	166	36	(k)	889
cLive Stock carried, tons	25	169	150	166	48	33	6	597
cOther Goods carried ..	45	1,499	1,350	1,818	483	502	150	5,347
cTotal Freight carried ..	89	4,355	1,605	1,834	739	648	256	9,526

(a) Excluding Grafton-South Brisbane line. (b) Including Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.  
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.  
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excluding Governmental contributions towards losses on  
 non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excluding depreciation. (h) Including Assistant and  
 Light Miles. (i) Including Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included  
 with Other Goods. (k) Included with Coal and Coke.

## B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars.	Quarter ended September—				
	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.(b)
Registered Aircraft owners					
(c) .. .. No.	102	139	149	137	120
Registered Aircraft(c) ..	214	286	296	288	202
Licensed Pilots—(c) ..					
Private .. ..	744	937	1,096	(d) 1,225	502
Commercial .. ..	265	323	346	(d) 324	187
Licensed Ground Eng- neers(e) .. ..	346	437	525	(d) 651	617
Aerodromes—(c) .. ..					
Government .. ..	72	74	71	73	79
Public .. ..	183	197	213	224	212
Government Emer- gency Grounds .. ..	151	153	147	141	116
Hours flown .. ..	24,958	30,013	29,133	20,270	19,122
Approximate mileage .. Miles	2,648,411	3,374,583	3,113,471	2,439,058	2,413,141
Passengers carried—					
Paying .. .. No.	25,396	31,851	30,284	28,054	41,934
Non-paying .. ..	4,968	6,165	7,625	2,592	1,935
Total .. ..	30,364	38,016	37,909	30,646	43,869
Goods, Weight carried .. lb.	275,357	379,636	466,934	421,859	644,229
Mails, Weight carried ..	53,078	(e) 131,508	(e) 167,828	(e) 88,926	(e) 239,736
Accidents—					
Persons killed .. No.	3	5	..	..	3
.. injured .. ..	3	6	..	..	..

(a) Including particulars of the Darwin-Singapore oversea service, but excluding those relating to  
 civil aviation in New Guinea. (b) Subject to revision. (c) At 30th June. (d) Including  
 licences issued for New Guinea. (e) Including gross weight of oversea mail.

## C.—Telephones.

Particulars.	At 30th June, 1938.	At 30th June, 1939.	At 30th June, 1940.	At 30th June, 1941.	At 31st Dec., 1941.
Lines connected.. .. No.	465,408	487,535	506,612	525,547	536,481
Instruments connected ..	630,175	661,996	691,088	720,321	739,123

## D.—Motor Vehicles.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax. £	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences. £	Miscellaneous. £	Total £
1940-41.									
New South Wales ..	203,960	76,142	20,759	300,861	468,305	2,609,025	239,345	99,554	2,947,924
Victoria ..	148,437	84,725	23,572	256,734	365,205	1,798,498	91,301	44,159	1,933,958
Queensland ..	74,537	45,773	8,129	128,439	186,146	914,889	63,539	66,347	1,044,775
South Australia ..	54,943	23,619	8,345	86,907	122,280	639,613	58,643	13,748	712,004
Western Australia ..	37,018	24,887	6,706	68,611	82,575	407,437	25,948	27,490	490,875
Tasmania ..	17,343	5,528	3,183	26,054	30,026	175,576	15,013	24,527	215,116
Northern Territory ..	488	1,026	137	1,651	2,351	3,978	995	..	4,973
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,757	441	87	2,285	3,305	13,334	1,886	86	15,306
Total ..	538,483	262,141	70,918	871,542	1,260,193	6,562,350	496,670	275,911	7,334,931
Total, 1939-40 ..	559,533	260,994	74,496	895,023	1,260,781	6,529,693	505,383	271,309	7,306,385

## REGISTRATIONS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1941.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	(a)W.A.	Tas.	(b)N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	189,920	131,346	68,950	54,528	31,594	15,501	488	1,665	493,992
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	76,390	86,814	45,533	24,382	22,923	5,542	1,026	426	263,036
Motor Cycles ..	18,946	19,972	7,321	7,262	4,837	2,704	137	80	61,259
Total ..	285,256	238,132	121,804	86,172	59,354	23,747	1,651	2,171	818,287
Total at 31st December, 1940 ..	306,572	266,661	130,421	91,898	63,493	26,920	1,620	2,467	890,052

(a) Including extra-metropolitan area as at 30th November, 1941.

(b) At 30th June, 1941.

## REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1941.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	(a)S.A.	(b)W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	854	781	281	329	108	75	7	2,435
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	1,199	1,001	487	349	87	100	4	3,227
Motor Cycles ..	187	145	49	60	21	7	1	470
Total ..	2,240	1,927	817	738	216	182	12	6,132
Total, Six months ended December, 1940 ..	5,421	4,522	2,613	1,666	608	532	29	15,391

(a) Excluding Northern Territory.

(b) Metropolitan area only.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above particulars of primary producers' vehicles, Victoria, are included under the heading "Commercial Vehicles, &amp;c."

## E.—Wireless.

## NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust. (c)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1928 ..	79,931	137,503	25,211	20,247	3,727	3,141	269,760
" " 1929 ..	100,798	142,534	24,660	23,944	3,841	4,751	300,528
" " 1930 ..	111,080	139,887	23,263	25,671	5,715	6,032	311,648
" " 1931 ..	122,470	137,005	24,108	30,238	9,075	8,232	331,128
" " 1932 ..	141,450	139,323	28,958	37,142	12,679	9,540	369,092
" " 1933 ..	178,000	170,995	36,186	50,150	20,536	12,563	468,430
" " 1934 ..	226,831	206,995	52,038	64,174	31,404	16,547	597,989
" " 1935 ..	278,648	236,886	67,369	76,365	41,176	20,088	720,532
" " 1936 ..	315,731	263,414	83,028	87,335	49,987	24,118	823,613
" " 1937 ..	358,292	288,717	101,358	99,093	61,151	29,780	938,331
" " 1938 ..	403,978	315,406	117,496	111,787	71,324	36,013	1,056,104
" " 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1940 ..	458,155	348,158	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182	1,212,260
" " 1941 ..	494,884	362,790	168,216	131,292	91,368	44,716	1,293,266
31st Dec., 1941 ..	501,253	369,933	173,708	136,457	92,414	45,164	1,313,929

(a) Including Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Including Papua.

(c) Including Northern Territory.



## Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

## TRADE UNIONS.

## Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1936	184	147	111	114	132	76	5	15	784	(a)356
1937	184	147	110	113	132	76	6	15	783	(a)353
1938	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	(a)366
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	819	(a)380
1940	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381

## NUMBER OF BRANCHES.

1936	559	396	314	177	211	71	..	1	1,729	(b)2,157
1937	571	396	309	171	198	70	..	1	1,716	(b)2,141
1938	573	400	314	179	202	58	..	1	1,727	(b)2,162
1939	598	398	312	178	204	69	..	1	1,760	(b)2,199
1940	601	387	309	174	209	71	..	1	1,752	(b)2,183

## NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1936	315,517	201,616	158,953	59,900	60,762	15,839	992	1,230	814,809	814,809
1937	333,879	209,794	162,212	63,770	65,053	19,208	912	1,455	856,283	856,283
1938	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	885,158
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,635	915,470	915,470
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,503	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,862	955,862

(a) Allowing for Interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and Interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Including not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Interstate unions, but also head State branches of Interstate unions.

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

## Unemployment—Australia.—Number and Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.		Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
				Number.	Percentage. (b)
1937	Year	..	..	..	..
1938	"	..	..	..	..
1939	"	..	..	..	..
1940	"	..	..	..	..
1941	"	..	..	..	..
1932—June	Quarter(c)	..	..	..	..
1938—March	"	..	..	..	..
June	"	..	..	..	..
September	"	..	..	..	..
December	"	..	..	..	..
1939—March	"	..	..	..	..
June	"	..	..	..	..
September	"	..	..	..	..
December	"	..	..	..	..
1940—March	"	..	..	..	..
June	"	..	..	..	..
September	"	..	..	..	..
December	"	..	..	..	..
1941—March	"	..	..	..	..
June	"	..	..	..	..
September	"	..	..	..	..
December	"	..	..	..	..

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 54 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they do not include persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 67. (c) Peak of unemployment.

## Unemployment(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1936 Year .. .. .	15.4	10.7	7.8	10.8	8.1	9.8	12.2
1937 " .. .. .	10.9	9.0	7.3	8.2	5.6	7.3	9.3
1938 " .. .. .	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1939 " .. .. .	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1940 " .. .. .	11.0	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.6	5.2	8.0
1941 " .. .. .	4.7	2.5	4.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1932—June Quarter(b) ..	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1937—March " ..	11.8	9.5	7.7	9.5	5.4	7.8	9.9
June " ..	11.4	9.6	7.6	8.3	5.6	6.9	9.7
September " ..	10.5	9.5	7.2	8.4	6.6	7.2	9.3
December " ..	10.1	7.3	6.6	6.5	5.0	7.1	8.2
1938—March " ..	9.6	7.3	6.6	6.9	4.8	5.7	8.0
June " ..	9.8	8.5	7.2	7.5	5.3	7.2	8.6
September " ..	10.0	9.7	6.3	10.0	6.1	8.5	9.2
December " ..	10.1	9.0	5.7	8.8	6.5	10.2	8.9
1939—March " ..	10.6	10.8	6.1	9.3	7.3	7.6	9.6
June " ..	10.6	10.4	5.7	9.5	6.2	9.4	9.5
September " ..	11.6	11.2	5.8	9.4	8.2	8.3	10.2
December " ..	11.1	9.0	5.8	9.1	6.6	7.1	9.3
1940—March " ..	9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
June " ..(c)	15.9	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.6	5.0	10.5
September " ..	9.8	5.9	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
December " ..	8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941—March " ..	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June " ..	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September " ..	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December " ..	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) See notes to table on page 48. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to the industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

## Unemployment(a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1929.	1932.	1940.	1941.			
	March Qtr.	June Qtr.(b)	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. . . .	6.5	39.6	2.3	3.1	2.1	1.8	1.6
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c. . . .	11.2	33.9	4.1	2.9	1.7	1.6	2.0
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. . . .	5.5	19.3	14.2	10.4	7.8	7.4	7.7
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c. . . .	9.8	22.6	2.9	3.6	1.7	1.4	1.3
V. Books, Printing, &c. . . .	2.6	16.8	2.1	2.0	1.4	1.0	0.8
VI. Other Manufacturing . . . .	13.8	43.0	6.2	4.4	3.3	3.4	3.3
VII. Building . . . .	10.6	42.1	6.1	5.8	5.2	5.1	4.8
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. . . .	13.2	34.2	8.5	8.1	8.0	7.3	5.4
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services . . . .	7.6	29.6	8.7	6.3	4.3	3.7	3.1
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous . . . .	7.3	22.2	6.8	6.6	3.7	3.1	2.0
All Groups . . . .	9.3	30.0	6.2	5.3	3.6	3.2	2.9

(a) See notes to table on page 48. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) For classification see p. 51.

# Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period.	Num-ber.	Estab-lish-ments In-volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti-mated Loss in Wages. £
			Di-rectly.	Indi-rectly.	Total.	New Dis-putes.	Old Dis-putes.	Total.	

## NEW SOUTH WALES.

Year—1940 ..	313	680	161,766	12,238	174,004	636,357	601,804	1,238,161	1,430,416
1940—Sept. ..	114	120	35,007	2,088	37,095	70,206	..	70,206	77,687
Dec. ..	83	119	35,278	6,500	41,778	155,280	..	155,280	168,341
1941—March ..	99	120	34,273	574	34,847	73,896	11,168	85,064	94,905
June ..	119	143	31,967	1,605	33,572	105,841	..	105,841	101,347
Sept. ..	169	359	109,845	3,632	113,477	421,229	8,581	429,810	428,955

## VICTORIA.

Year—1940 ..	19	44	8,279	385	8,664	73,235	34,800	108,035	101,326
1940—Sept. ..	7	12	3,125	3	3,128	7,976	..	7,976	6,559
Dec. ..	2	22	1,240	100	1,340	27,320	..	27,320	22,765
1941—March ..	9	12	2,699	300	2,999	23,950	..	23,950	22,536
June ..	4	454	1,515	..	1,515	5,134	..	5,134	3,931
Sept. ..	4	72	13,356	..	13,356	103,336	..	103,336	86,725

## QUEENSLAND.

Year—1940 ..	4	8	3,013	14	3,027	51,028	80,600	131,628	157,673
1940—Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. ..	2	2	351	..	351	6,996	..	6,996	9,500
1941—March ..	2	2	61	68	129	1,620	..	1,620	1,157
June ..	4	8	1,878	..	1,878	27,978	..	27,978	30,476
Sept. ..	7	98	1,145	184	1,329	17,590	..	17,590	16,511

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Year—1940 ..	5	5	2,745	21	2,766	9,506	..	9,506	7,632
1940—Sept. ..	1	1	680	..	680	4,080	..	4,080	2,980
Dec. ..	4	4	2,065	21	2,086	5,426	..	5,426	4,652
1941—March ..	3	37	787	..	787	3,962	..	3,962	3,430
June ..	2	2	1,247	..	1,247	2,267	..	2,267	1,640
Sept. ..	4	4	680	..	680	6,417	..	6,417	8,017

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Year—1940 ..	4	153	2,735	288	3,023	7,217	170	7,387	6,396
1940—Sept. ..	2	2	712	..	712	577	..	577	600
Dec. ..	1	150	2,000	..	2,000	4,000	..	4,000	2,500
1941—March ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sept. ..	1	1	30	..	30	540	..	540	548

## TASMANIA.

Year—1940 ..	2	5	216	12	228	2,822	7,644	10,466	10,641
1940—Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—March ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

## AUSTRALIA.

Year—1940(a)(b)	350	899	178,939	13,658	192,597	782,234	725,018	1,507,252	1,716,121
1940—Sept. ..	124	135	39,524	2,091	41,615	82,839	..	82,839	87,826
Dec.(a) ..	93	299	41,088	7,321	48,409	200,954	..	200,954	209,658
1941—March ..	113	171	37,820	942	38,762	103,428	11,168	114,596	122,028
June ..	129	607	36,607	1,605	38,212	141,220	..	141,220	137,394
Sept. ..	185	534	125,056	3,816	128,872	549,112	8,581	557,693	540,756

(a) Including one dispute in the Northern Territory—854 workpeople (700 indirectly); working days lost, 1,932; estimated loss in wages, £1,900. (b) Including two disputes in the Northern Territory—31 workpeople; working days lost, 137; estimated loss in wages, £137.



**Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and  
Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th September, 1941.**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	111/10	105/5	109/2	102/0	107/8	104/6	108/1
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/6½	2/4½	2/5½	2/3¼	2/5½	2/4½	2/5½
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	110/10	107/10	110/2	104/9	114/5	109/11	109/4
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.32	44.00	44.00	44.04
	Hourly Wage	2/6½	2/5½	2/6	2/4¼	2/7¼	2/6	2/5½
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	107/9	102/5	106/6	100/4	106/9	97/8	105/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.59	43.96	44.29	44.20	44.68	44.22
	Hourly Wage	2/5½	2/3½	2/5	2/3¼	2/5	2/2½	2/4½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	103/5	102/9	106/2	108/0	108/2	100/9	103/10
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/4¼	2/4	2/5	2/5½	2/5½	2/3½	2/4¼
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	123/8	114/11	114/2	110/2	135/1	112/7	118/8
	Working Hours	43.38	43.39	43.20	43.68	42.72	43.35	43.35
	Hourly Wage	2/10¼	2/7¾	2/7¾	2/6¼	3/2	2/7¼	2/8¾
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	109/0	102/4	101/8	103/3	107/0	102/2	105/3
	Working Hours	43.98	44.20	43.97	44.25	44.00	44.18	44.09
	Hourly Wage	2/5¾	2/3¾	2/3¾	2/4	2/5½	2/3¾	2/4¾
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	118/5	118/2	109/7	112/0	116/7	109/6	116/3
	Working Hours	43.66	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/8¼	2/9	2/6¼	2/7¾	2/5¾	2/8¼
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	117/2	104/5	114/9	84/0	130/6½	103/10	114/9
	Working Hours	41.94	41.52	42.40	43.79	40.54	41.69	41.75
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/6¼	2/8½	1/11	3/2½	2/6	2/9
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	110/2	106/7	104/3	102/8	106/1	99/2	107/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.79	44.00	43.98
	Hourly Wage	2/6	2/5	2/4¼	2/4	2/5	2/3	2/5¼
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	103/11	97/10	101/3	93/0	104/7	94/8	100/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.27	44.00	44.73	44.00	44.00	44.15
	Hourly Wage	2/4¼	2/2½	2/3½	2/1	2/4¼	2/1¾	2/3¼
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage <sup>d</sup>	106/0	105/7	103/2	108/2	104/5	105/8	105/8
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage <sup>e</sup>	86/7	89/8	90/7	86/1	94/5	90/4	88/8
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage <sup>e</sup>	99/6	97/7	95/4	92/6	96/10	72/11	96/10
	Working Hours	44.00	44.43	44.00	44.60	44.00	44.00	44.16
	Hourly Wage <sup>e</sup>	2/3¼	2/2¼	2/2	2/1	2/2½	1/8	2/2¼
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	101/10	100/11	100/5	94/0	102/2	95/3	100/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.79	44.00	45.14	44.00	46.59	44.43
	Hourly Wage	2/3¾	2/3	2/3½	2/1	2/3¾	2/0¾	2/3
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	104/0	101/11	101/7	97/0	109/0	97/5	102/7
All Groups except XI. and XII. (a)	Weekly Wage	108/5	104/5	105/7	99/5	112/3	99/41	106/1
	Working Hours	43.70	44.16	43.46	44.51	43.13	44.42	43.85
	Hourly Wage	2/5¾	2/4¼	2/5¼	2/2¾	2/7¼	2/3	2/5

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Excluding District allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(e) Including the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

**Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th September, 1941.**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
III. Food, Drink, &c. ...	Weekly Wage	53/3	53/1	50/0	47/0	48/10	52/6	52/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/2½	1/2½	1/1½	1/0½	1/1½	1/2½	1/2½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c. ...	Weekly Wage	55/11	56/1	58/6	58/6	56/11	56/5	56/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/3½	1/3½	1/4	1/4	1/3½	1/3½	1/3½
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ...	Weekly Wage	55/0	59/6	52/10	53/9	...	55/0	57/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	...	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/3	1/4½	1/2½	1/2½	...	1/3	1/3½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c. ...	Weekly Wage <i>b</i>	56/5	60/9	58/11	47/10	64/1	55/9	58/1
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage <i>b</i>	1/3½	1/4½	1/4	1/1	1/5½	1/3½	1/4
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c. ...	Weekly Wage	63/3	56/11	63/6	54/6	...	...	60/1
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	48.00	...	...	44.78
	Hourly Wage	1/5½	1/3½	1/5½	1/1½	...	...	1/4
All Groups (a) ...	Weekly Wage	57/7	57/1	59/3	54/11	60/4	56/0	57/5
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	45.07	44.00	44.00	44.12
	Hourly Wage	1/3½	1/3½	1/4½	1/2½	1/4½	1/3½	1/3½

(a) Weighted average. (b) Including the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

**Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 30th September, 1941.**

Dates.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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**ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.**

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914 .. ..	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" " 1934 .. ..	83 2	78 8	88 9	75 6	84 1	97 7	82 0
" " 1935 .. ..	84 2	79 9	88 5	77 11	86 7	81 0	83 0
" " 1936 .. ..	85 6	83 1	88 7	79 6	90 7	83 3	85 0
" " 1937 .. ..	92 1	88 1	92 8	85 10	93 1	87 0	90 4
" " 1938 .. ..	95 0	91 2	95 10	87 1	99 1	88 5	93 5
" " 1939 .. ..	96 7	94 0	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1940 .. ..	99 7	97 0	97 9	92 11	104 0	92 7	98 1
31st March, 1941 .. ..	102 5	99 6	101 3	95 2	105 9	95 6	100 9
30th June, 1941 .. ..	103 1	100 11	101 5	96 6	106 10	96 5	101 8
30th September, 1941 ..	104 0	101 11	101 7	97 0	109 0	97 5	102 7

**ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1000.)**

	1,065	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914 .. ..	1,065	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1934 .. ..	1,623	1,534	1,732	1,473	1,640	1,552	1,599
" " 1935 .. ..	1,642	1,555	1,725	1,520	1,689	1,581	1,620
" " 1936 .. ..	1,668	1,621	1,729	1,552	1,768	1,625	1,659
" " 1937 .. ..	1,797	1,719	1,808	1,674	1,816	1,697	1,763
" " 1938 .. ..	1,834	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
" " 1939 .. ..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1940 .. ..	1,943	1,892	1,908	1,812	2,029	1,807	1,913
31st March, 1941 .. ..	1,998	1,941	1,975	1,857	2,064	1,863	1,966
30th June, 1941 .. ..	2,011	1,970	1,979	1,883	2,085	1,881	1,984
30th September, 1941 ..	2,030	1,988	1,983	1,892	2,127	1,900	2,002

**ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.**

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914 .. ..	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1934 .. ..	44 3	43 9	47 8	41 11	49 1	44 1	44 5
" " 1935 .. ..	44 11	44 2	48 0	43 0	49 1	44 10	45 3
" " 1936 .. ..	45 7	46 10	48 4	43 4	50 11	45 1	46 5
" " 1937 .. ..	50 2	49 2	51 4	46 10	51 0	48 6	49 8
" " 1938 .. ..	51 10	50 7	53 6	47 9	54 4	49 8	51 4
" " 1939 .. ..	53 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	55 8	50 8	52 8
" " 1940 .. ..	54 9	53 5	56 0	52 1	57 6	53 1	54 3
31st March, 1941 .. ..	56 6	55 4	58 7	53 0	58 4	54 1	56 0
30th June, 1941 .. ..	56 11	56 2	59 3	53 8	59 0	54 11	56 8
30th September, 1941 ..	57 7	57 1	59 3	54 11	60 4	56 0	57 5

**ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1000.)**

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,066
31st December, 1914 .. ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,066
" " 1934 .. ..	1,628	1,609	1,736	1,541	1,809	1,623	1,636
" " 1935 .. ..	1,654	1,626	1,767	1,584	1,808	1,651	1,666
" " 1936 .. ..	1,677	1,722	1,780	1,594	1,873	1,661	1,708
" " 1937 .. ..	1,848	1,810	1,889	1,724	1,877	1,785	1,825
" " 1938 .. ..	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,768	2,000	1,828	1,887
" " 1939 .. ..	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1940 .. ..	2,016	1,966	2,060	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,996
31st March, 1941 .. ..	2,079	2,036	2,155	1,951	2,148	1,991	2,061
30th June, 1941 .. ..	2,094	2,067	2,179	1,976	2,171	2,022	2,086
30th September, 1941 ..	2,119	2,100	2,180	2,021	2,220	2,060	2,114

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

## Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a) 4 11 0	(a) 2 9 0	1.2.42	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(4 9 0)	(2 8 0)	(1.2.42)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 4 9 0	2 8 0	31.3.41	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	4 7 0	2 3 6	26.11.41	" " " " "
Western Australia ..	(e) 4 10 5	(e) 2 8 10	28.7.41	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c) ..	(4 7 0)	(2 7 0)	(1.2.42)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £4 12s. 0d.; Females, £2 9s. 6d.; Elsewhere—Males, £4 8s. 0d.; Females, £2 7s. 6d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 28.7.41 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State exclusive of the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 5s. 7d.; Females, £2 17s. 0d. and for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £4 10s. 10d.; Females, £2 9s. 1d.

## Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st February, 1941.	1st May, 1941.	1st August, 1941.	1st November 1941.	1st February, 1942.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney .. ..	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	91 0
Melbourne .. ..	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0	89 0
Brisbane .. ..	82 0	83 0	83 0	84 0	86 0
Adelaide .. ..	82 0	83 0	83 0	84 0	86 0
Perth .. ..	81 0	82 0	84 0	85 0	86 0
Hobart .. ..	83 0	84 0	85 0	85 0	87 0
Weighted Average— Six Capitals ..	85 0	86 0	86 0	87 0	88 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) "Court" Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

## Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

State.	1936.		1937.		1938.		1939.		1940.	
	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determina- tions made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales ..	52	39	63	42	64	38	64	17	70	22
Victoria .. ..	141	..	121	..	99	..	173	..	170	..
Queensland .. ..	61	37	46	42	38	38	50	25	34	45
South Australia ..	22	17	42	16	6	4	18	7	53	7
Western Australia ..	24	26	35	32	28	31	20	25	31	21
Tasmania .. ..	22	..	43	..	26	..	18	..	18	..
Commonwealth Court ..	32	13	38	11	31	13	31	21	25	13
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	2	..	3	..	3	..	1	..	1	..
Total .. ..	356	132	391	143	295	124	375	95	402	108



## Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the post-war period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 63.

### Retail Price Index-Numbers.(a)—Capital Cities.

("B" Series.)

(Base in each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1911.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.				
							Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
Sydney .. ..	553	868	904	936	952	962	974	982	949	947	969	
Melbourne .. ..	523	836	884	942	947	943	961	949	938	937	949	
Brisbane .. ..	569	828	838	864	889	911	920	933	899	890	920	
Adelaide .. ..	570	826	861	897	900	905	903	918	897	891	915	
Perth .. ..	753	881	899	938	949	981	949	955	997	989	982	
Hobart .. ..	592	870	880	923	944	970	972	972	958	964	986	
Weighted Average ..	559	851	886	927	939	947	956	958	939	936	954	

### GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney .. ..	553	868	904	936	952	962	974	982	949	947	969
Melbourne .. ..	523	836	884	942	947	943	961	949	938	937	949
Brisbane .. ..	569	828	838	864	889	911	920	933	899	890	920
Adelaide .. ..	570	826	861	897	900	905	903	918	897	891	915
Perth .. ..	753	881	899	938	949	981	949	955	997	989	982
Hobart .. ..	592	870	880	923	944	970	972	972	958	964	986
Weighted Average ..	559	851	886	927	939	947	956	958	939	936	954

### GROUP IV.—HOUSING(b)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney .. ..	701	965	1,004	1,035	1,042	1,043	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,044
Melbourne .. ..	569	909	935	955	969	975	973	976	974	975	975
Brisbane .. ..	373	822	841	854	857	860	859	859	860	859	860
Adelaide .. ..	706	832	868	888	892	893	892	893	893	893	893
Perth .. ..	524	861	872	881	882	883	882	882	883	884	884
Hobart .. ..	452	899	913	925	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
Weighted Average ..	612	912	942	965	973	976	974	976	976	976	976

### ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney .. ..	606	904	941	972	985	992	998	1,003	984	983	996
Melbourne .. ..	539	862	902	945	953	953	964	957	950	949	957
Brisbane .. ..	500	824	838	858	875	889	894	902	882	876	895
Adelaide .. ..	618	826	862	891	895	899	897	906	894	890	904
Perth .. ..	672	871	887	914	921	941	921	925	951	946	942
Hobart .. ..	542	879	891	922	938	953	954	954	946	949	963
Weighted Average ..	578	872	906	939	950	956	961	963	951	949	960

(a) As the price index-number increases, the purchasing power of money diminishes. (b) See note (a) on page 57.

**Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms).  
("B" Series.)**

*(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1000.)*

Particulars.	1911.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.			
							Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES—</b>											
Sydney .. ..	606	904	941	972	985	992	998	1,003	984	983	996
Newcastle .. ..	..	858	898	934	950	959	968	968	954	951	963
Broken Hill .. ..	..	869	948	970	953	991	965	1,004	990	978	990
Goulburn .. ..	..	872	908	942	950	957	960	959	955	952	962
Bathurst .. ..	..	838	867	900	908	910	917	917	909	901	911
Weighted Average(a)	..	899	937	969	980	988	994	999	981	979	992
<b>VICTORIA—</b>											
Melbourne .. ..	539	862	902	945	953	953	964	957	950	949	957
Balharat .. ..	..	794	808	849	843	841	847	844	836	838	845
Bendigo .. ..	..	798	817	851	864	868	873	867	861	865	878
Geelong .. ..	..	833	872	917	915	912	922	919	906	906	915
Warrnambool .. ..	..	842	893	940	944	941	951	944	938	938	944
Weighted Average(a)	..	857	895	938	946	946	956	950	942	942	949
<b>QUEENSLAND—</b>											
Brisbane .. ..	500	824	838	858	875	889	894	902	882	876	895
Toowoomba .. ..	..	810	806	830	849	857	869	866	850	846	865
Rockhampton .. ..	..	808	825	843	854	863	860	874	859	853	866
Townsville .. ..	..	877	900	920	925	933	928	946	927	921	937
Bundaberg .. ..	..	752	781	804	817	835	830	840	829	827	842
Weighted Average(a)	..	823	837	858	873	886	890	899	879	874	892
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA—</b>											
Adelaide .. ..	618	826	862	891	895	899	897	906	894	890	904
Kadina, &c. .. ..	..	692	702	743	739	738	746	741	733	734	744
Port Pirie .. ..	..	811	838	882	877	889	882	883	888	885	901
Mount Gambier .. ..	..	780	801	838	828	832	838	834	830	829	835
Peterborough .. ..	..	816	836	890	895	893	900	896	890	885	902
Weighted Average(a)	..	821	855	885	888	892	891	899	887	884	898
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA—</b>											
Perth, &c. .. ..	672	871	887	914	921	941	921	925	951	946	942
Kalgoorlie, &c. .. ..	..	1,126	1,152	1,178	1,184	1,211	1,200	1,215	1,229	1,201	1,200
Northam .. ..	..	899	911	936	946	980	953	962	989	985	984
Bunbury .. ..	..	924	945	979	979	996	981	986	1,000	996	1,001
Geraldton .. ..	..	999	974	990	995	1,024	1,009	1,015	1,025	1,025	1,030
Weighted Average(a)	..	894	909	936	943	964	945	949	974	967	964
<b>TASMANIA—</b>											
Hobart .. ..	542	879	891	922	938	953	954	954	946	949	963
Launceston .. ..	..	843	867	887	901	913	914	913	912	908	917
Burnie .. ..	..	866	881	898	914	937	934	934	935	937	940
Devonport .. ..	..	824	846	865	882	898	902	903	896	888	904
Queenstown .. ..	..	874	900	933	942	947	956	961	952	931	942
Weighted Average(a)	..	865	882	908	923	937	939	939	933	932	945
Weighted Average for 30 towns .. ..	..	869	902	935	945	952	956	958	947	945	956
Weighted Average 6 Capital Cities .. ..	578	872	906	939	950	956	961	963	951	949	960
Canberra (A.C.T.) (d) (e)	..	1,053	1,043	1,026	1,028	1,028	1,038	1,038	1,025	1,019	1,029
Charters Towers (Q.) (d)	..	727	751	815	827	835	824	841	832	823	844
Warwick (Q.) (d)	..	707	732	783	799	817	814	826	816	808	819

(a) Weighted Average for the five towns. (b) Charters Towers. (c) Warwick. (d) Not included in above weighted averages except for year 1930. (e) New series from 1938. The drop in 1938 was due to revision of sample of houses used for the calculation of average rentals in order to make it more comparable with that of the capital cities and other large towns throughout Australia. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

## RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1000.)

State and Town.	1914.	1940.				1941.			Per- cent- age in- crease from July, 1914 to Dec., 1941.
	July.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.		
<b>NEW SOUTH WALES—</b>									
Sydney .. .. .	645	969	973	982	968	965	973	50.9	
Newcastle .. .. .	642	1,012	1,014	1,019	1,006	1,004	1,009	57.2	
Broken Hill .. .. .	821	1,064	1,107	1,095	1,122	1,135	1,148	39.8	
Goulburn .. .. .	661	1,013	1,020	1,024	1,009	1,015	1,029	55.7	
Bathurst .. .. .	613	959	963	977	949	951	968	57.9	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	652	974	979	987	974	972	980	50.3	
<b>VICTORIA—</b>									
Melbourne .. .. .	619	957	963	964	949	944	953	54.0	
Ballarat .. .. .	617	934	940	950	934	935	939	52.2	
Bendigo .. .. .	619	959	964	967	969	969	973	57.2	
Geelong .. .. .	609	944	950	950	933	930	937	53.9	
Warrnambool .. .. .	608	966	962	965	948	949	951	56.4	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	618	956	962	963	948	944	952	54.0	
<b>QUEENSLAND—</b>									
Brisbane .. .. .	591	909	909	943	912	920	930	57.4	
Toowoomba .. .. .	582	865	877	907	856	879	892	53.3	
Rockhampton .. .. .	646	914	918	961	930	935	940	45.5	
Townsville .. .. .	..	956	961	1,006	974	985	1,002	..	
Bundaberg .. .. .	..	941	951	970	956	970	975	..	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	605	910	912	947	915	924	934	54.4	
<b>SOUTH AUSTRALIA—</b>									
Adelaide .. .. .	699	903	911	897	905	912	927	32.6	
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo .. ..	688	972	988	976	969	978	990	43.9	
Port Pirie .. .. .	722	989	996	994	1,012	1,023	1,039	43.9	
Mount Gambier .. .. .	595	927	929	939	905	912	920	54.6	
Peterborough .. .. .	749	984	991	980	973	1,006	1,005	34.2	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	697	909	917	904	911	918	933	33.9	
<b>WESTERN AUSTRALIA—</b>									
Perth and Fremantle .. .. .	749	949	948	950	990	981	974	30.0	
Kalgoorlie and Boulder .. .. .	931	1,133	1,127	1,131	1,141	1,143	1,138	22.2	
Northam .. .. .	..	997	995	999	1,049	1,044	1,040	..	
Bunbury .. .. .	793	972	970	976	1,005	1,010	1,000	26.1	
Geraldton .. .. .	808	975	975	978	1,010	1,009	1,007	24.6	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	790	965	963	966	1,003	995	989	25.2	
<b>TASMANIA—</b>									
Hobart .. .. .	678	973	973	970	985	984	990	46.0	
Launceston .. .. .	640	947	953	962	954	952	966	50.9	
Burnie .. .. .	..	985	998	1,004	1,010	999	1,002	..	
Devonport .. .. .	..	986	996	991	990	988	1,000	..	
Queenstown .. .. .	735	1,037	1,052	1,067	1,022	1,029	1,035	40.8	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	672	968	971	973	978	977	985	46.6	
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	651	954	959	965	956	955	963	47.9	
Weighted Average, 6 Capital Cities ..	645	951	956	961	952	950	958	48.5	
(a) Lithgow (N.) .. .. .	..	991	1,004	1,009	997	997	1,014	..	
(a) Yallourn (V.) .. .. .	..	1,028	1,030	1,032	982	988	995	..	
(a) Charters Towers (Q.) .. .. .	696	946	951	979	963	981	993	42.7	
(a) Warwick (Q.) .. .. .	605	885	882	924	887	911	907	49.9	
(a) Port Augusta (S.A.) .. .. .	..	1,037	1,041	1,038	1,030	1,049	1,050	..	
(a) Rosebery (T.) .. .. .	..	1,113	1,130	1,129	1,083	1,088	1,092	..	
(a) Canberra (A.C.T.) .. .. .	..	1,067	1,077	1,083	1,057	1,060	1,069	..	

(a) Not included in weighted averages above.



## THE "ALL ITEMS" INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms) (a), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1000.)

State and Town.	1936.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1940.	1941.			
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	866	889	913	936	974	1,028	1,008	1,018	1,019	1,027	1,048
Newcastle ..	853	849	877	901	945	997	981	986	991	996	1,013
Broken Hill ..	848	893	940	955	981	1,049	1,011	1,041	1,044	1,045	1,065
Goulburn ..	864	867	893	916	949	1,005	980	990	1,001	1,005	1,023
Bathurst ..	833	842	860	883	923	974	956	963	971	973	990
Weighted Average(b)	865	886	911	933	972	1,026	1,005	1,015	1,017	1,025	1,045
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	844	868	896	924	964	1,008	989	996	999	1,009	1,028
Ballarat ..	826	839	850	874	906	950	928	936	940	952	973
Bendigo ..	821	840	854	875	920	963	946	949	952	966	985
Geelong ..	848	855	884	911	941	984	966	974	974	986	1,002
Warrnambool ..	851	856	892	918	955	998	978	984	990	1,002	1,015
Weighted Average(b)	843	866	893	920	960	1,004	985	992	995	1,005	1,024
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	804	837	852	870	908	963	938	950	954	962	985
Toowoomba ..	802	840	843	858	898	951	932	937	943	952	972
Rockhampton ..	802	840	853	867	905	959	932	947	953	960	976
Townsville ..	(c)810	883	902	918	950	1,004	972	991	995	1,004	1,025
Bundaberg ..	(d)779	809	831	847	879	938	907	921	931	940	960
Weighted Average(b)	803	840	854	871	909	964	939	951	955	964	985
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	839	859	888	906	936	988	957	970	981	990	1,010
Kadina, &c. ..	765	769	786	810	833	882	858	862	872	885	909
Port Pirie ..	813	844	868	896	919	976	943	953	971	980	1,000
Mount Gambler ..	818	830	849	872	894	946	923	928	941	951	965
Peterborough ..	843	851	868	897	924	974	950	954	967	975	1,000
Weighted Average(b)	835	855	883	902	931	983	953	965	976	985	1,006
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	856	869	882	901	932	993	953	965	993	1,002	1,012
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,027	1,030	1,048	1,066	1,099	1,165	1,131	1,148	1,170	1,167	1,175
Northam ..	860	890	900	915	947	1,017	973	987	1,017	1,027	1,037
Bunbury ..	880	897	914	936	962	1,018	985	997	1,017	1,025	1,034
Geraldton ..	933	970	957	965	990	1,055	1,022	1,033	1,052	1,061	1,075
Weighted Average(b)	870	884	897	915	946	1,008	969	981	1,008	1,016	1,026
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	860	875	887	908	945	1,001	976	982	994	1,003	1,023
Launceston ..	840	856	872	888	926	974	955	963	973	974	987
Burnie ..	814	854	865	879	917	971	950	956	971	975	983
Devonport ..	809	833	848	861	896	951	927	935	953	950	967
Queenstown ..	850	857	875	903	936	987	967	976	991	983	999
Weighted Average(b)	850	866	879	898	936	989	966	973	985	990	1,007
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	848	871	894	917	954	1,006	983	992	998	1,006	1,026
Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities ..	850	873	897	920	957	1,008	986	995	1,000	1,009	1,029
Charters Towers (Q.) (e)	810	819	839	883	920	971	938	958	965	970	992
Warwick (Q.) (e)	779	779	800	834	867	926	896	911	923	928	943
Port Augusta (S.A.) (f)	841	845	863	883	915	980	949	959	976	983	1,001
Canberra (f)	..	..	..	956	988	1,040	1,018	1,028	1,037	1,039	1,057

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns.

(b) Five Towns.

(c) Charters Towers.

(d) Warwick.

(e) Not included in weighted averages above except for years 1935 and 1936.

(f) Not included in weighted averages above.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
FOR THE YEAR 1941 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1941.**

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RETAIL PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.04	6.06	6.08	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.38	6.38	6.38
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.90	5.00	5.00	4.79	4.79	4.79	5.29	5.29	5.29	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.80	4.80	4.80
" self-raising ..	"	8.30	8.30	8.15	8.57	8.57	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.50	9.50	9.40
Tea ..	lb.	39.80	39.80	41.80	41.07	40.93	42.93	44.00	44.00	46.00	40.60	41.00	43.00	41.00	41.00	43.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.94	4.88	4.88	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.45	3.45	3.45	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.85	3.85	3.85
Sago ..	"	5.08	5.03	5.28	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.36	5.57	5.64	5.50	5.60	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.70
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	10.55	10.65	10.65	10.50	10.50	10.57	10.36	10.36	10.36	11.40	11.40	11.40	10.80	10.80	10.90
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.70	6.70	6.70	7.79	7.79	7.79	9.29	9.29	9.29	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.90	7.90	7.90
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.75	3.80	3.80	3.96	3.96	3.88	4.21	4.21	4.21	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.15	4.15	4.15
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.25	11.25	11.30	11.38	11.88	11.45	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.30	11.30	11.30
Currants ..	"	10.05	10.06	10.11	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.17	10.17	10.33	9.40	9.40	9.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	16.93	16.75	16.75	17.50	17.83	17.83	18.14	18.00	17.86	17.25	17.25	17.40	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	11.10	11.10	11.15	11.36	11.36	11.36	12.14	12.00	12.14	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.90	11.90	11.90
Pears, canned ..	"	12.10	12.10	12.10	12.29	12.29	12.29	12.29	12.14	12.29	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.60	12.60	12.60
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	20.15	20.25	20.35	20.25	20.20	20.20	20.25	20.42	20.42	20.33	20.33	21.67	21.13	21.13	21.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	11.13	10.36	11.60	9.83	10.12	10.73	7.67	12.25	15.40	6.60	6.73	10.00	6.20	6.10	9.30
Onions, brown ..	lb.	5.66	5.75	4.00	6.17	5.00	3.36	5.21	5.00	3.00	4.80	4.80	3.75	5.80	5.80	5.80
Soap ..	"	6.66	6.66	6.66	6.74	6.74	6.74	7.38	7.38	7.38	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.97	6.97
Kerosene ..	quart	5.39	5.42	5.42	5.71	5.75	5.79	6.79	6.74	6.80	6.55	6.80	6.80	6.25	6.45	6.45
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.05	19.05	19.05	19.50	19.50	19.50	21.57	21.64	21.64	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.70	19.70	19.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.30	15.30	15.30	14.29	14.29	14.29	16.36	16.64	16.64	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	17.00	16.15	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.71	16.21	15.57	20.57	11.60	15.80	16.60	12.80	14.40	16.40
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	17.25	17.75	17.85	17.07	17.57	17.57	18.29	18.29	17.93	18.00	18.00	18.20	17.10	17.70	17.70
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.10	9.10	9.15	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.00	10.00	10.10
" fresh ..	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.71	6.71	6.71	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.40	11.20	11.55	12.64	12.64	12.79	12.71	12.71	12.71	11.40	11.40	11.40	9.60	9.60	9.60
" rib ..	"	8.45	8.25	8.60	9.43	9.43	9.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.40	9.40	9.40	7.80	7.80	8.00
" steak, rump ..	"	17.60	17.80	18.20	15.93	15.93	16.21	19.86	19.86	19.86	15.80	15.80	16.20	14.20	14.20	14.20
" chuck ..	"	8.40	8.40	8.50	8.64	8.64	8.79	11.14	11.14	11.14	8.20	8.20	8.20	7.60	7.60	7.80
" sausages ..	"	6.65	6.65	6.70	7.43	7.43	7.57	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.60	7.60	7.60
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	9.15	9.15	9.30	10.11	10.18	10.32	12.86	12.86	12.86	9.60	9.60	9.60	8.80	9.00	9.00
" brisket ..	"	6.90	6.95	7.05	8.36	8.43	8.50	10.43	10.43	10.43	8.60	8.60	8.80	7.80	7.80	7.60
Mutton, leg ..	"	6.89	6.67	6.67	9.43	9.43	9.50	8.29	8.29	8.29	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
" forequarter ..	"	4.00	3.83	3.83	5.18	5.11	5.11	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.40	6.40	6.60	5.20	5.00	5.00
" loin ..	"	8.06	8.17	8.17	9.36	9.36	9.36	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.20	10.20	10.20	8.20	7.80	8.20
" chops, loin ..	"	8.67	8.61	8.61	9.61	9.61	9.61	9.86	9.86	9.86	10.60	10.60	10.60	8.40	8.40	8.40
" leg ..	"	8.11	8.17	8.11	9.68	9.68	9.68	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.80	9.80	9.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Pork, leg ..	"	13.05	13.30	13.40	14.43	14.43	14.71	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.40	12.40	12.40	11.60	11.60	12.00
" loin ..	"	13.40	13.90	13.90	14.14	14.14	14.43	11.86	11.86	11.86	13.00	13.00	13.40	11.60	11.60	12.00
" chops ..	"	13.30	13.25	13.25	14.14	14.14	14.43	14.14	14.14	14.14	13.40	13.60	13.40	11.60	11.60	12.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	281.49	..	..	243.11	..	..	193.76	..	..	221.43	..	..	212.73	..

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
FOR THE YEAR 1941; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1941.**

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>Groceries, &amp;c.—</b>		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.53	5.53	5.53	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.30	6.30	6.30
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.10	4.15	4.15	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.29	4.29	4.43	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.60	4.60	4.60
" self-raising ..	"	7.35	7.40	7.35	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.29	8.29	8.29	7.70	7.80	7.70	8.00	8.00	8.00
Tea ..	lb.	41.20	41.40	43.00	39.29	39.57	41.00	43.00	43.86	45.00	40.50	40.90	42.90	42.00	42.00	43.60
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.26	4.26	4.26	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.93	3.89	3.89	3.96	3.96	4.04	3.60	3.60	3.60	3.70	3.70	3.70
Sago ..	"	5.10	5.20	5.45	5.25	5.43	5.61	5.32	5.14	5.29	5.10	5.40	5.40	5.50	5.60	5.60
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.20	9.25	9.20	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.90	9.90	9.90
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.20	7.20	7.15	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.69	3.72	3.67	3.71	3.71	3.68	3.79	3.75	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.90	3.90	3.90
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.10	11.10	11.10	10.92	10.86	10.93	11.25	11.67	11.67	10.70	10.70	10.90	11.60	11.70	11.70
Currants ..	"	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.43	9.33	9.42	9.43	9.43	9.57	9.63	9.63	9.63	9.90	9.90	9.90
Apricots, dried ..	"	17.20	17.20	17.44	16.64	16.64	16.57	16.75	16.75	16.75	17.50	17.60	17.60	16.50	16.50	16.30
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	10.35	10.35	10.35	9.93	10.00	10.21	10.14	10.21	10.21	9.90	9.90	9.90	10.70	10.70	10.70
Pears, canned ..	"	11.20	11.20	11.25	11.00	11.00	11.07	11.21	11.29	11.29	10.90	11.00	11.00	11.60	11.60	11.60
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	18.56	18.83	19.00	18.29	18.29	19.50	18.93	19.29	19.43	19.10	19.70	19.80	20.30	20.30	20.90
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	7.14	7.20	9.95	6.07	5.96	7.80	7.61	7.49	8.88	6.30	6.30	8.53	5.94	6.03	6.29
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.75	3.38	1.94	3.50	3.25	2.29	4.50	3.50	2.50	3.30	3.17	2.34	3.10	3.00	2.50
Soap ..	"	6.98	6.98	6.98	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.59	7.59	7.54	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.74	7.74	7.74
Kerosene ..	quart	5.88	6.02	6.05	5.77	5.66	5.77	6.33	6.40	6.51	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.35	6.35	6.35
<b>Dairy Produce—</b>																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.86	19.86	19.86	19.20	19.20	19.20	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	13.50	13.72	13.61	13.14	13.29	13.14	14.07	14.07	14.07	13.00	13.00	13.20	13.80	13.80	13.80
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	15.05	15.00	15.95	14.14	14.29	14.29	14.80	15.00	15.83	13.80	14.00	14.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.28	20.35	20.35	19.29	19.43	19.43	18.21	18.36	18.79	19.40	19.50	19.50	19.20	19.20	19.20
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.36	9.50	9.50	10.07	10.14	10.14	9.60	9.60	9.60	10.20	10.20	10.20
" fresh ..	quart	7.35	7.35	7.35	6.83	6.83	6.83	6.79	6.79	6.79	7.00	7.00	7.00	5.25	5.25	5.25
<b>Meat—</b>																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.30	11.05	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.29	10.29	10.17	10.80	10.80	10.60	10.00	10.00	10.00
" rib ..	"	9.25	8.70	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.30	8.90	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.00
" steak, rump ..	"	17.30	17.30	17.30	15.29	15.29	15.29	14.43	14.33	14.33	15.40	15.40	15.40	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chuck ..	"	8.05	7.90	7.85	7.43	7.43	7.43	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.80	7.80	7.60	8.40	8.40	8.40
" sausages ..	"	6.10	6.15	6.10	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.14	6.14	6.14	5.80	5.80	5.80	7.00	7.00	7.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	9.55	9.45	9.45	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.57	9.80	9.34	9.80	9.80	9.80	10.00	10.00	10.00
" brisket ..	"	7.20	7.25	7.25	7.86	7.86	7.71	8.29	8.29	8.29	7.50	7.50	7.30	7.60	7.60	7.80
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.80	7.50	7.60	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.29	8.29	8.29	6.70	6.40	6.30	8.20	8.20	8.20
" forequarter ..	"	4.45	4.35	4.15	4.57	4.50	4.21	5.17	5.17	5.00	4.30	4.30	4.20	5.20	5.20	5.20
" loin ..	"	7.05	7.00	6.95	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.14	7.33	7.17	7.30	7.10	7.10	8.20	8.20	8.20
" chops, loin ..	"	8.80	8.20	8.20	7.57	7.71	7.57	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.40	8.20	8.20	9.20	9.20	9.20
" chops, leg ..	"	8.75	8.85	8.70	8.71	8.71	8.71	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Pork, leg ..	"	11.90	11.95	12.15	11.00	11.00	10.86	11.50	11.50	11.50	10.60	10.60	10.60	11.20	11.20	11.20
" loin ..	"	12.30	12.50	12.60	11.71	11.71	11.57	11.67	11.67	11.67	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.40	11.40	11.20
" chops ..	"	12.90	13.00	12.90	12.43	12.43	12.43	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.30	12.50	12.20	12.40	12.20
<b>House Rents ..</b>	<b>4 and 5 Rooms</b>	..	262.84	..	..	178.11	..	..	186.00	..	..	240.29	..	..	236.79	..



**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
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RETAIL PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.71	4.71	4.71	5.43	5.43	5.57	5.60	5.60	5.25	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	8.23	8.23	8.23	8.93	8.93	8.93	9.50	9.50	9.58	9.10	9.10	9.10	8.80	8.80	8.80
Tea ..	lb.	39.27	39.64	41.77	39.21	39.21	41.50	40.14	40.71	42.00	41.75	42.25	42.63	38.80	39.20	40.80
Sugar ..	"	3.98	3.98	3.98	4.20	4.20	4.19	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.50	4.50	4.50	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.43	3.43	3.45	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.07	4.07	4.07	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.70	3.70	3.70
Sago ..	"	4.95	5.14	5.05	5.14	5.21	5.50	5.50	5.57	5.67	5.25	5.38	5.13	5.40	5.40	5.40
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.04	8.97	8.97	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.32	9.32	9.50	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.10	9.10	9.10
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.77	6.73	6.73	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.64	7.64	7.64	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.30	7.30	7.30
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.95	3.98	3.98	4.21	4.21	4.21	4.38	4.38	4.38	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.40	4.40	4.40
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.50	11.55	11.64	12.14	12.14	12.14	11.93	11.86	11.75	11.70	11.70	11.83	11.60	11.60	11.60
Currants ..	"	10.40	10.35	10.35	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.71	10.64	10.64	11.13	10.63	10.75	10.70	10.70	10.70
Apricots, dried ..	"	17.55	17.55	17.50	17.36	17.50	17.50	18.00	18.00	18.33	17.75	17.75	18.00	16.90	16.90	16.90
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	11.73	11.73	11.73	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.79	11.79	11.50	12.20	12.20	12.50	12.30	12.30	12.30
Pears, canned ..	"	12.50	12.55	12.55	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.64	12.64	12.58	13.10	13.10	13.00	12.90	12.90	12.90
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	19.95	19.86	19.82	20.42	20.93	21.29	20.08	20.17	20.40	18.00	16.00	21.50	18.67	18.67	18.67
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	9.27	11.73	12.77	7.71	10.43	12.14	10.00	11.21	13.00	10.25	13.50	15.75	9.00	12.30	11.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	5.56	4.28	2.95	5.00	4.36	2.93	5.86	5.29	3.00	6.00	5.50	4.00	5.00	5.13	3.30
Soap ..	"	6.24	6.24	6.24	6.71	6.71	6.76	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.93	6.93	6.92	6.60	6.60	6.67
Kerosene ..	quart	5.10	5.13	5.11	5.75	5.82	5.82	7.12	7.12	7.14	6.79	6.86	6.80	5.98	5.93	6.00
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.93	19.00	19.29	19.29	19.25	21.00	21.00	21.00	18.80	18.80	18.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	13.27	13.27	13.27	13.86	13.57	13.57	14.57	14.50	14.58	15.20	15.20	15.50	14.20	14.10	14.10
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	15.59	15.59	15.68	9.71	10.93	12.21	11.50	12.14	13.67	15.00	15.75	20.50	11.70	12.60	13.60
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	15.23	15.86	15.86	13.93	14.36	14.36	15.21	15.29	15.75	15.00	15.25	15.13	14.20	15.30	15.30
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.43	9.43	9.43	10.14	10.14	10.14	10.40	10.40	10.40	9.80	9.80	9.80
" fresh ..	quart	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	7.00	7.00	7.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	10.70	10.85	11.45	7.50	8.43	8.71	8.86	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50
" rib ..	"	6.85	6.90	7.05	5.86	6.57	6.86	6.29	6.29	6.21	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.80	7.80	8.20
" steak, rump ..	"	14.35	14.45	15.30	10.14	10.29	10.86	11.86	11.86	11.86	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.00	12.00	12.80
" chuck ..	"	7.25	7.30	7.75	5.57	5.86	6.14	6.43	6.43	6.43	6.40	6.40	6.40	7.80	7.80	8.20
" sausages ..	"	7.05	7.15	7.20	5.86	6.43	6.57	6.71	6.71	6.71	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.80	7.80	8.10
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	9.35	9.45	9.90	7.14	7.86	8.43	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.50	8.50	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.30
" brisket ..	"	7.10	7.15	7.45	6.29	7.14	7.29	7.29	7.57	7.57	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.30
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.85	7.85	7.75	6.79	6.93	7.00	8.71	8.71	8.71	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" forequarter ..	"	5.20	5.15	5.10	4.00	4.14	4.14	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.80	7.80	8.00
" loin ..	"	7.25	7.15	7.25	6.57	6.71	6.71	8.57	8.57	8.57	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops, loin ..	"	7.60	7.60	7.50	6.57	6.71	6.71	8.71	8.71	8.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops, leg ..	"	7.85	7.95	7.85	6.86	7.00	7.00	8.71	8.71	8.71	8.50	8.50	8.80	10.00	10.00	10.00
Pork, leg ..	"	11.65	11.70	11.85	9.86	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	11.00	11.20	11.40
" loin ..	"	11.45	11.60	11.70	9.57	9.71	9.71	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.40	11.20	11.40
" chops ..	"	11.65	11.80	12.00	9.71	10.00	9.86	12.14	12.14	12.14	11.20	11.20	11.00	11.40	11.40	11.40
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	231.94	..	..	215.10	..	..	206.13	..	..	217.44	..	..	164.25	..

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1941; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1941.**

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA, MOONTA AND WALLAROO.			PORT PIKE.			MT. GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.93	4.93	4.93	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.25	7.20	7.20	8.79	8.64	8.71	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.40	8.40	8.50
Tea ..	1 lb.	41.05	41.05	43.05	42.64	41.93	43.93	41.79	41.79	43.93	42.20	42.20	44.20	42.40	42.40	44.40
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.17	4.17	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.07	4.00	4.00	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.10	4.10	4.10
Sago ..	"	4.30	4.30	4.50	5.71	5.79	5.79	5.57	5.71	5.71	5.80	5.80	5.90	5.50	5.70	5.70
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.15	9.20	9.25	10.10	10.00	10.00	9.93	9.93	9.93	10.20	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.40	10.40
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.60	6.60	6.60	8.21	8.14	8.14	8.50	8.50	8.50	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.90	7.90	7.90
Oats, flaked ..	1 lb.	3.63	3.63	3.63	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.04	4.04	4.04	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.10	4.10	4.10
Raisins, seeded ..	"	10.35	10.45	10.55	11.79	11.71	11.79	12.26	12.26	12.26	12.20	12.40	12.40	11.80	11.80	11.80
Currants ..	"	8.81	8.81	8.94	10.29	10.21	10.33	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.38	10.38	10.29	10.30	10.50	10.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	16.65	16.81	17.21	17.33	17.20	17.00	17.14	17.14	16.80	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.50	18.50	18.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	10.50	10.55	10.60	12.43	12.43	12.43	11.93	12.00	12.00	11.90	12.10	12.00	12.20	12.20	12.40
Pears, canned ..	"	10.50	10.55	10.65	12.29	12.29	12.29	12.00	12.07	12.07	12.20	12.40	12.30	12.25	12.25	12.50
Salmon, In tins ..	1 lb.	17.60	17.95	18.17	19.60	19.50	20.25	18.17	18.17	18.33	18.67	18.67	19.33	18.70	19.25	19.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	6.25	8.71	12.14	7.83	11.67	15.50	7.00	10.79	14.79	3.96	4.62	6.52	7.30	10.18	15.20
Onions, brown ..	1 lb.	4.19	4.08	3.58	4.67	5.00	3.50	4.71	4.40	4.33	3.67	5.00	5.00	5.10	5.10	5.17
Soap ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.24	7.24	7.28	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.47	7.47	7.47
Kerosene ..	quart	5.04	5.04	5.10	5.57	5.54	5.54	6.04	6.04	6.04	5.63	5.63	5.63	5.85	5.95	6.00
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.05	19.05	19.05	20.86	20.86	20.86	19.79	19.79	19.79	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.90	19.90	19.90
Cheese, mild ..	"	12.65	12.65	12.75	14.71	14.71	14.86	15.29	15.29	15.43	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.40	14.40	14.40
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	13.25	13.05	13.40	9.50	9.21	8.86	11.14	11.00	11.14	9.60	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.40	8.80
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	17.25	17.25	17.45	17.86	18.00	18.00	18.86	18.86	18.86	18.20	18.40	18.40	18.60	19.40	19.40
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.25	9.25	9.25	10.07	10.07	10.07	9.93	9.93	9.93	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.70	9.70	9.70
" fresh ..	quart	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.14	7.14	7.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	10.10	10.00	9.90	9.29	9.29	9.29	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.20	9.20	9.20	8.00	8.00	8.00
" rib ..	"	8.20	8.20	8.00	8.86	8.71	8.71	9.57	9.57	9.57	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.00	8.00	8.00
" steak, rump ..	"	13.80	14.00	13.90	13.71	13.71	13.71	15.71	15.71	15.71	13.40	13.40	13.40	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chuck ..	"	8.70	8.60	8.40	9.57	9.57	9.57	10.71	10.71	10.71	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
" sausages ..	"	5.70	5.70	5.70	6.43	6.43	6.43	6.86	6.86	6.86	5.60	5.60	5.60	6.00	6.00	6.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	9.90	10.05	10.15	10.14	10.14	10.14	11.71	11.71	11.71	9.60	9.60	9.60	11.00	11.00	11.00
" brisket ..	"	7.30	7.40	7.35	8.71	8.71	8.71	9.86	9.86	9.86	7.40	7.40	7.60	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.35	7.67	7.71	7.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	6.40	6.40	6.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
" forequarter ..	"	3.90	3.80	3.75	5.71	5.57	5.64	5.86	5.86	5.86	4.40	4.40	4.40	5.00	5.00	5.00
" loin ..	"	7.05	6.95	6.85	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.43	7.29	7.43	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.25
" chops, loin ..	"	7.70	7.50	7.80	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.71	9.71	9.71	7.40	7.40	7.20	8.50	9.00	9.00
" chops, leg ..	"	8.60	8.65	8.70	8.29	8.29	8.29	9.86	9.86	9.86	7.40	7.40	7.20	9.00	9.00	9.00
Pork, leg ..	"	10.20	10.25	11.30	9.43	9.43	9.57	11.29	11.29	11.43	8.40	8.40	8.40	11.50	11.50	11.50
" loin ..	"	10.60	10.75	11.85	9.14	9.43	9.57	10.14	10.14	10.14	8.40	8.40	8.40	9.75	9.75	9.75
" chops ..	"	10.90	10.90	12.20	9.43	9.43	9.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	9.40	9.40	9.20	11.25	11.25	11.25
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	240.76	..	..	95.96	..	..	179.59	..	..	180.66	..	..	192.01	..

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RETAIL PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH AND FREMANTLE.			KALGOORLIE AND BOULDER.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.20	5.20	5.20
" self-raising ..	"	7.90	7.90	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.10	8.10	8.10	8.38	8.38	8.13	8.60	8.60	9.06
Tea ..	lb.	40.90	40.90	42.90	43.00	43.00	45.00	42.00	42.00	44.00	40.75	41.00	43.00	43.00	43.00	45.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.96	4.96	4.96	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) ..	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	5.00	5.00	5.00	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.10	4.10	4.10
Sago ..	"	5.70	5.85	5.85	6.29	6.57	6.57	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.75	5.88	5.88	5.60	5.60	5.80
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.85	9.85	9.85	11.00	11.00	10.93	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.63	10.63	10.63	10.80	10.80	10.80
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.40	7.40	7.40	10.29	10.29	10.29	7.90	8.10	8.10	8.13	8.13	8.13	8.80	8.80	8.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.21	4.21	4.21	4.67	4.67	4.67	4.10	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13	4.30	4.30	4.30
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.35	11.35	11.35	12.71	12.86	12.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.33	11.33	11.33	11.60	11.60	11.80
Currants ..	"	9.69	9.69	9.69	10.86	10.86	11.00	10.10	10.10	10.20	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.20	10.20	10.40
Apricots, dried ..	"	16.60	16.60	16.60	18.29	18.29	18.33	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.20	18.20	18.20
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	12.05	12.05	12.05	13.71	13.71	13.57	12.70	12.70	12.70	12.75	12.75	12.75	13.20	13.20	13.20
Pears, canned ..	"	12.90	12.90	12.90	14.14	14.14	14.14	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.40	13.40	13.60
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	19.44	19.56	20.22	23.00	23.67	23.42	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	20.50	21.40	21.40	21.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	9.90	9.70	8.40	10.36	11.86	10.79	11.00	11.50	10.80	9.75	10.88	9.25	11.80	12.00	10.70
Onions, brown ..	lb.	5.33	5.39	2.35	5.57	6.67	3.86	7.38	5.60	4.00	7.00	7.00	4.38	6.67	5.75	3.25
Soap ..	"	6.70	6.70	6.74	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.20
Kerosene ..	quart	5.85	5.97	5.99	7.86	7.90	8.08	6.35	6.38	6.38	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.99	6.99	6.99
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.29	23.00	23.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.40	15.40	15.65	16.00	16.00	16.29	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.50	15.50	15.75	15.80	15.80	16.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	16.60	15.30	16.20	18.00	16.71	18.71	16.00	15.20	14.60	10.50	11.00	11.13	11.00	11.75	14.75
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	17.30	17.30	17.30	18.86	18.86	18.86	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.80	17.80	18.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.45	9.45	9.45	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.90	9.90	9.70	9.88	9.88	9.88	10.60	10.60	10.60
" fresh ..	quart	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	10.55	10.35	10.35	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.38	11.25	11.25	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.33	10.33	10.33
" rib ..	"	9.00	8.85	8.85	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.20	10.20	10.20	9.33	9.33	9.33
" steak, rump ..	"	17.20	16.90	16.90	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.75	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.40	17.20	15.33	15.33	15.33
" chuck ..	"	9.90	9.60	9.60	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.50	10.60	10.60	10.60	9.00	9.00	9.00
" sausages ..	"	8.00	8.00	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	9.65	9.50	9.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.25	10.75	10.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.33	10.33
" brisket ..	"	7.45	7.45	7.50	8.29	8.14	8.14	8.00	8.25	8.25	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	8.65	8.35	8.35	10.57	10.00	10.00	8.88	9.13	9.13	9.80	9.80	9.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
" forequarter ..	"	5.75	5.20	5.15	6.57	6.00	6.00	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.20	6.20	6.20	5.33	5.00	5.33
" loin ..	"	8.20	7.95	8.15	10.14	9.57	9.57	8.38	7.88	8.13	9.80	9.80	9.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
" chops, loin ..	"	9.10	8.95	8.95	11.07	10.50	10.50	9.63	9.50	9.50	9.80	9.80	9.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
" chops, leg ..	"	9.55	9.35	9.35	11.14	10.57	10.57	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.80	9.80	9.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Pork, leg ..	"	11.50	11.50	11.60	14.00	14.00	14.14	11.88	12.00	12.00	11.20	11.20	11.20	12.00	12.00	12.00
" loin ..	"	11.80	11.70	11.80	13.29	13.43	13.29	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.20	11.20	11.20	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.10	14.29	14.14	14.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.20	11.20	11.20	12.00	12.00	12.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	238.43	..	..	326.77	..	..	225.13	..	..	251.71	..	..	269.23	..



**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED  
FOR THE YEAR 1941; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1941.**

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
" self-raising ..	"	4.10	4.10	4.10	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Tea ..	lb.	7.65	7.65	7.65	7.36	7.36	7.36	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.75	7.75	7.75
Sugar ..	"	40.90	40.90	42.90	40.71	40.71	42.71	41.00	41.00	43.00	41.00	41.00	43.00	40.63	40.63	42.63
Rice (Australian) ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago ..	"	3.85	3.85	3.85	3.71	3.71	3.71	3.80	3.80	4.00	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.13	4.13	4.13
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	5.55	5.65	5.65	5.14	5.14	5.43	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.50	5.70	5.90	4.88	5.00	5.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	8.85	8.90	8.95	8.29	8.29	8.29	8.70	8.70	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	8.30	8.30	8.30	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.70	7.70	7.70	9.63	9.63	9.63
Raisins, seeded ..	"	4.13	4.13	4.13	3.68	3.68	3.75	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.75	4.75	4.75
Currants ..	"	11.35	11.35	11.60	11.36	11.36	11.36	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.63	11.75	12.00
Apricots, dried ..	"	10.19	10.28	10.33	9.50	9.50	9.58	10.10	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.38	10.38	10.38
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	17.63	17.22	17.22	16.67	16.67	16.67	18.00	16.83	17.50	17.50	17.33	17.50	18.25	18.25	18.25
Pears, canned ..	"	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.36	11.36	11.36	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.90	11.80	11.80	11.88	11.88	11.88
Salmon, in tins ..	lb.	11.70	11.70	11.70	11.29	11.29	11.29	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.50	12.50	12.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	19.83	20.33	20.80	19.14	19.33	19.33	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.38	20.38	20.38	19.67	19.67	19.67
Onions, brown ..	lb.	6.52	6.68	10.34	5.51	5.66	9.07	8.82	9.24	9.09	7.35	6.88	10.37	10.07	10.73	11.65
Soap ..	"	4.50	4.50	3.56	4.00	4.00	2.75	3.50	3.50	2.60	4.00	4.00	3.10	3.83	3.83	3.17
Kerosene ..	quart	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.07	7.07	7.07	7.00	7.00	7.00
Dairy Produce—		7.00	7.00	7.02	7.04	7.27	7.27	7.03	6.94	6.90	7.29	7.34	7.34	8.00	8.00	8.00
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.25	19.25	19.25
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.78	14.89	15.00	13.79	13.79	13.79	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.60	14.60	14.60	14.67	14.67	14.67
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	14.30	14.20	17.90	13.57	12.29	17.29	13.75	14.40	15.00	10.60	12.00	12.40	17.00	17.50	18.50
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.14	17.00	17.00	17.60	17.40	17.40	17.40	16.75	16.75	16.75
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.64	9.64	9.64	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.00	10.00	10.00
" fresh ..	quart	7.11	7.11	7.11	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.33	6.33	6.33	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	11.50	11.56	11.20	10.64	10.64	10.36	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.67	11.67	11.67
" rib ..	"	10.00	10.00	9.75	9.00	9.00	8.86	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.33	9.33	9.33	10.67	10.67	10.67
" steak, rump ..	"	15.90	16.22	16.00	14.43	14.00	14.14	13.50	13.50	13.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
" chuck ..	"	9.45	9.45	9.35	7.86	7.86	7.86	8.75	8.75	8.75	8.33	8.33	8.33	10.67	10.67	10.67
" sausages ..	"	6.80	6.78	6.70	6.86	6.86	6.86	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.95	11.11	10.90	9.93	9.93	9.86	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.67	11.67	11.67
" brisket ..	"	9.15	9.15	8.95	8.57	8.57	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.67	10.67	10.67
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.35	9.28	8.70	9.50	9.50	9.43	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.33	11.00	11.00	9.67	10.00	10.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.35	6.44	5.65	5.86	5.86	5.71	7.75	7.75	8.00	9.33	9.33	9.33	8.00	8.33	8.33
" loin ..	"	8.35	8.17	7.50	7.93	7.93	7.93	9.75	9.25	9.25	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.67	10.00	10.00
" chops, loin ..	"	9.80	9.50	9.20	10.71	10.71	10.71	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	11.67	11.67	9.67	10.00	10.00
" chops, leg ..	"	10.35	10.11	9.90	10.86	10.86	10.86	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.33	11.33	11.33	9.67	10.00	10.00
Pork, leg ..	"	13.10	12.78	12.80	12.57	12.29	12.29	11.25	11.25	11.25	10.67	11.00	11.00	12.33	12.33	12.33
" loin ..	"	13.40	13.22	12.90	12.57	12.29	12.29	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.33	11.33	12.33	12.33	12.33
" chops ..	"	13.80	13.67	13.30	12.71	12.43	12.43	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.33	11.33	11.33	12.33	12.33	12.33
House Rents .. 4 and 5 Rooms ..																
		..	251.55	..	..	231.69	..	..	213.01	..	..	193.78	..	..	204.36	..

## Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

## MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,269	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,820	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,988	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,957	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,504	1,793

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 81 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. Comparisons of wholesale price index-numbers over the past 10 years are shown in tables which follow.

## WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

## BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and dealers, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex- tiles.	Chem- icals.	Rubber and Hides.	Build- ing Ma- terials.	Food- stuffs and To- bacco.	Goods princi- pally Im- ported.	Goods princi- pally Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.
1928-29 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1933-34 ..	808	794	792	917	697	991	788	977	755	811
1934-35 ..	766	842	609	840	674	981	816	1,009	749	814
1935-36 ..	725	895	774	816	766	981	857	1,037	776	840
1936-37 ..	758	925	920	814	963	1,044	910	1,088	828	892
1937-38 ..	798	951	776	824	844	1,098	932	1,117	845	911
1938-39 ..	807	944	633	833	806	1,024	963	1,087	863	917
1939-40 ..	827	1,083	806	880	1,013	1,144	950	1,214	868	951
1940-41 ..	846	1,292	858	1,018	1,094	1,355	981	1,408	899	1,023
1938-39—										
July ..	801	945	655	831	750	1,019	1,001	1,086	887	936
August ..	802	944	648	831	772	1,023	1,027	1,107	899	949
September ..	803	943	624	831	772	1,016	990	1,096	876	929
October ..	806	943	635	832	847	1,028	963	1,087	865	918
November ..	806	943	643	832	840	1,028	916	1,084	833	893
December ..	803	942	621	832	809	1,028	905	1,087	822	886
January ..	811	941	624	833	821	1,028	936	1,105	840	903
February ..	795	944	635	834	812	1,028	957	1,079	860	912
March ..	814	944	624	835	819	1,028	1,017	1,077	906	947
April ..	814	945	621	835	802	1,022	990	1,077	886	932
May ..	814	946	625	835	809	1,022	928	1,081	842	900
June ..	814	947	645	835	818	1,013	927	1,080	843	900
1939-40—										
July ..	815	946	663	835	805	1,013	919	1,077	838	895
August ..	816	944	659	835	825	1,013	909	1,077	830	890
September ..	816	948	787	835	931	1,098	921	1,125	848	909
October ..	816	993	850	835	986	1,099	947	1,157	859	931
November ..	829	1,039	855	835	1,046	1,134	937	1,195	856	938
December ..	829	1,087	842	839	1,085	1,140	934	1,231	852	944
January ..	829	1,096	844	922	1,082	1,139	945	1,234	866	955
February ..	830	1,097	816	923	1,098	1,200	951	1,249	871	963
March ..	833	1,140	834	923	1,089	1,201	963	1,266	882	976
April ..	849	1,152	843	924	1,063	1,203	986	1,275	901	992
May ..	835	1,274	843	924	1,084	1,201	998	1,329	910	1,012
June ..	835	1,279	838	924	1,062	1,287	985	1,352	901	1,011
1940-41—										
July ..	835	1,280	836	1,006	1,052	1,287	986	1,361	900	1,012
August ..	835	1,275	825	1,014	1,050	1,359	999	1,378	916	1,027
September ..	835	1,272	838	1,014	1,051	1,359	1,006	1,368	921	1,030
October ..	841	1,282	850	1,012	1,059	1,359	1,008	1,398	917	1,034
November ..	841	1,282	848	1,019	1,112	1,359	977	1,392	900	1,020
December ..	841	1,286	852	1,019	1,106	1,359	996	1,409	908	1,030
January ..	847	1,285	853	1,020	1,092	1,354	1,002	1,409	913	1,034
February ..	848	1,283	852	1,020	1,084	1,355	964	1,415	883	1,013
March ..	848	1,284	868	1,022	1,094	1,355	956	1,415	879	1,009
April ..	857	1,325	878	1,022	1,121	1,355	958	1,436	884	1,018
May ..	859	1,325	895	1,022	1,180	1,379	957	1,457	881	1,022
June ..	859	1,326	897	1,022	1,128	1,379	960	1,459	882	1,022
1941-42—										
July ..	885	1,327	878	1,022	1,132	1,382	993	1,474	906	1,044
August ..	888	1,351	889	1,153	1,131	1,382	1,022	1,484	936	1,070
September ..	918	1,373	898	1,234	1,131	1,382	1,035	1,535	944	1,089
October ..	918	1,377	910	1,234	1,134	1,390	1,035	1,556	940	1,090
November ..	918	1,402	914	1,257	1,138	1,399	1,020	1,556	935	1,087
December ..	924	1,400	909	1,257	1,135	1,399	1,000	1,545	926	1,077



## PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base 1928-29 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 34. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and to provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All Groups.
1928-29 .. ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1933-34 .. ..	675	801	599	722	684	1,816	731
1934-35 .. ..	749	596	646	655	689	2,001	674
1935-36 .. ..	803	767	711	768	735	2,061	781
1936-37 .. ..	950	857	761	870	795	2,038	877
1937-38 .. ..	850	789	829	817	879	2,044	836
1938-39 .. ..	770	681	868	745	756	2,074	761
1939-40 .. ..	760	792	873	796	789	2,289	812
1940-41 .. ..	853	850	863	853	880	2,509	873
1940-41—							
July .. ..	833	862	863	852	879	2,484	870
August .. ..	839	881	864	863	882	2,501	882
September .. ..	858	877	864	868	883	2,510	887
October .. ..	853	877	865	867	883	2,519	886
November .. ..	859	841	864	851	901	2,519	871
December .. ..	860	854	864	856	900	2,519	877
January .. ..	876	857	862	862	908	2,519	882
February .. ..	861	845	861	850	902	2,519	871
March .. ..	856	834	860	844	902	2,519	866
April .. ..	853	830	861	845	922	2,519	867
May .. ..	842	819	862	836	929	2,519	860
June .. ..	846	819	863	837	938	2,519	861
1941-42—							
July .. ..	853	851	876	856	947	2,519	878
August .. ..	869	876	882	874	948	2,519	895
September .. ..	872	876	886	876	948	2,519	896
October .. ..	866	872	896	874	948	2,519	896
November .. ..	862	865	895	869	948	2,511	892
December .. ..	850	848	894	857	949	2,483	882

(a) Year ended December previous.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base : 1928-29 = 1,000.)

Year.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Month.	1939-40.		1940-41.		1941-42.	
				Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1928-29	1,000	1,000	July ..	679	712	848	882	859	894
1929-30	812	817	August ..	674	707	844	879	861	896
1930-31	608	620	September ..	765	803	846	881	862	897
1931-32	593	612	October ..	796	833	847	882	866	900
1932-33	579	601	November ..	799	835	847	883	870	904
1933-34	796	764	December ..	807	843	847	882	871	904
1934-35	615	642	January ..	844	879	848	883	..	..
1935-36	782	806	February ..	844	879	855	889	..	..
1936-37	959	975	March ..	846	881	859	894	..	..
1937-38	850	871	April ..	847	882	859	894	..	..
1938-39	681	711	May ..	848	883	859	893	..	..
1939-40	800	835	June ..	849	884	859	894	..	..
1940-41	852	886							

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

## COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

† (Base : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.				Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (a)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—							
1911 .. .. .	1,000	1,000	1,000	(b) 1,000	1,000	(b) 1,000	4.7
1914 .. .. .	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921 .. .. .	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928 .. .. .	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1936 .. .. .	1,475	1,437	1,461	1,409	1,638	1,162	12.2
1937 .. .. .	1,521	1,488	1,510	1,448	1,707	1,173	9.3
1938 .. .. .	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939 .. .. .	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1940 .. .. .	1,679	1,590	1,644	1,588	1,889	1,190	8.0
1941 .. .. .	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,673	..	..	3.7
Quarter—							
1931.							
June .. .. .	1,496	1,501	1,498	1,464	1,764	1,205	27.6
September .. .. .	1,435	1,447	1,439	1,423	1,735	1,219	28.3
December .. .. .	1,439	1,382	1,418	1,406	1,694	1,205	28.0
1932.							
March .. .. .	1,465	1,358	1,425	1,403	1,680	1,197	28.3
June .. .. .	1,448	1,345	1,409	1,389	1,672	1,204	30.0
September .. .. .	1,416	1,327	1,382	1,370	1,608	1,174	29.6
December .. .. .	1,369	1,314	1,348	1,346	1,597	1,186	28.1
1933.							
March .. .. .	1,317	1,318	1,318	1,327	1,585	1,194	26.5
June .. .. .	1,337	1,314	1,329	1,334	1,595	1,196	25.7
September .. .. .	1,359	1,311	1,341	1,340	1,587	1,184	25.1
December .. .. .	1,355	1,311	1,339	1,337	1,570	1,174	23.0
1934.							
March .. .. .	1,371	1,315	1,350	1,344	1,572	1,170	21.9
June .. .. .	1,404	1,319	1,372	1,358	1,592	1,172	20.9
September .. .. .	1,401	1,331	1,375	1,357	1,596	1,176	20.4
December .. .. .	1,422	1,332	1,388	1,361	1,599	1,175	18.8
1935.							
March .. .. .	1,420	1,356	1,396	1,368	1,607	1,175	18.6
June .. .. .	1,425	1,363	1,402	1,371	1,609	1,174	17.8
September .. .. .	1,461	1,379	1,430	1,389	1,613	1,161	15.9
December .. .. .	1,460	1,390	1,434	1,391	1,620	1,165	13.7
1936.							
March .. .. .	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4
June .. .. .	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,397	1,629	1,166	12.8
September .. .. .	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0
December .. .. .	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7
1937.							
March .. .. .	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June .. .. .	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September .. .. .	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December .. .. .	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938.							
March .. .. .	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June .. .. .	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September .. .. .	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December .. .. .	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.							
March .. .. .	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June .. .. .	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September .. .. .	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December .. .. .	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.							
March .. .. .	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June .. .. .	1,688	1,689	1,649	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September .. .. .	1,676	1,691	1,642	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December .. .. .	1,710	1,693	1,663	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.							
March .. .. .	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June .. .. .	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September .. .. .	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December .. .. .	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,707	..	..	2.9

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Index of retail prices.

(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914=1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

† The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.		Years.						
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1940.
Population(a)	Males	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,565,097
	Females	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,503,592
Births	Persons	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,068,689
	No.	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	126,347
Deaths	Rate	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.02
	No.	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	68,384
Marriages	Rate	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	9.75
	No.	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	77,889
	Rate	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	11.11
		1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1939-40.
Agriculture—								
Wheat	Area, acs.	2,995,814	3,334,957	5,115,965	7,427,834	9,719,042	14,741,313	13,285,005
	Yld., bshl.	21,443,862	25,675,265	38,561,619	71,636,347	129,088,806	190,612,188	210,487,306
Oats	Av., "	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	15.84
	Area, acs.	194,816	246,129	461,430	616,794	733,406	1,085,489	1,681,962
Barley	Yld., bshl.	4,795,897	5,726,256	9,789,854	9,561,833	12,147,433	15,194,680	25,301,980
	Av., "	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.56	16.56	14.00	15.04
Maize	Area, acs.	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	835,712
	Yld., bshl.	1,353,380	1,178,560	1,519,819	2,056,836	6,085,685	6,290,672	15,600,921
Hay	Av., "	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	18.67
	Area, acs.	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	311,812
Potatoes(b)	Yld., bshl.	5,726,266	9,261,922	7,034,786	8,939,855	7,840,438	7,062,833	6,560,065
	Av., "	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	21.04
Sugar-cane	Area, acs.	768,388	942,166	1,688,402	2,518,351	2,994,519	2,634,680	2,998,642
	Yld., tons	767,194	1,067,255	2,024,608	2,867,973	3,902,189	3,167,459	4,158,064
Vineyards	Av., "	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.39
	Area, acs.	76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	104,534
(c)	Yld., tons	243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	323,317
	Av., "	3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.09
Wool prodn., lb. (d)	Area, acs.	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	272,669
	Yld., tons	349,627	737,573	1,367,802	1,682,250	2,436,890	4,213,453	6,813,369
Butter production	Av., "	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	23.15
	Area, acs.	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	127,179
Cheese production	Wine, gal.	1,438,060	3,437,598	5,262,447	4,975,147	8,542,573	14,190,522	14,775,369
	£	15,519,000	16,988,000	23,835,000	23,774,000	81,890,000	74,489,000	95,369,000
Pastoral dairying, &c.—								
Live Stock	Sheep No.	65,092,719	106,421,068	72,040,211	96,886,234	86,119,068	110,618,893	119,305,391
	Cattle "	8,010,991	11,112,112	8,491,428	11,828,954	14,441,309	12,260,955	13,080,180
(a)	Horses "	1,088,029	1,684,737	1,620,420	2,278,226	2,438,182	1,775,550	1,698,797
	Pigs "	703,188	845,888	931,309	1,110,721	960,385	1,167,845	1,455,341
Wool prodn., lb. (d)	£	319,649,000	634,046,000	539,395,000	798,391,000	723,059,000	1,007,455,847	1,127,694,037
	(e)		42,314,585	103,747,295	212,073,745	267,071,340	390,654,070	474,552,474
Butter production	f, "		10,130,945	11,845,153	15,886,712	32,653,003	31,422,973	69,784,243
	(e)		16,771,886	34,020,629	53,335,092	58,626,469	71,131,740	77,277,645
Total gross value of pastoral and dairying production ..		£ 29,538,000	39,256,000	36,890,000	72,883,000	119,399,000	103,018,000	167,042,000
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1940.
Mineral production—								
Gold	£	5,194,390	5,281,861	14,017,538	10,551,624	4,018,685	3,563,519	17,519,950
	£	45,622	3,736,352	2,248,598	3,022,177	1,539,992	1,443,897	4,745,046
Silver and Lead	£	714,003	367,373	2,215,431	2,564,278	803,957	567,558	893,080
	£	1,145,889	560,502	448,234	1,209,973	418,418	216,205	711,628
Copper	£	200	2,979	4,067	1,415,169	283,455	512,795	916,905
	£	637,865	1,912,353	2,602,733	3,927,360	11,014,831	6,355,246	8,327,341
Total value of all mineral production ..		£ 7,820,290	12,074,106	21,816,772	23,302,878	19,997,384	13,352,316	40,080,000
Forestry production—								
Quantity of local timber								
sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft.		(e)	(e)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	756,973
Factories—								
No. of factories	No.				14,455	18,023	21,657	27,111
	£				311,710	378,540	336,658	587,663
Hands employed	No.				27,528,377	68,050,861	55,931,818	114,517,633
	£	(h)	(h)	(h)	51,259,004	121,674,119	110,981,830	221,295,153
Value of production					133,022,090	320,331,765	281,645,785	553,253,317
Total value of output £								

(a) At 31st December. (b) Partly estimated for 1881. (c) Area of productive cane. (d) In terms of greasy. (e) Information not available. (f) Years ended December, except for last two columns which refer to years ended June. (g) Year, 1938, later figures are not available for publication. (h) Owing to variation in classification and lack of information, effective comparison is impossible.



## STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.						
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1940-41.
Shipping—							
Oversea vessels { No. ent. & cleared { tons	3,284	3,778	4,023	4,174	3,111	3,057	(a) 3,814
	2,549,364	4,726,307	6,541,991	9,984,801	9,081,278	11,395,784	(a) 13,545,712
Commerce—							
Imports, oversea £	29,067,000	37,711,000	42,434,000	66,967,488	103,066,436	44,712,868	b 108,650,056
" per head £	12/16/2	11/16/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	6/16/6	15/9/11
Exports, oversea £	27,528,000	36,043,000	49,696,000	79,482,258	127,846,535	c 85,842,887	bc107,574,912
" per head £	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/10	23/4/1	13/1/11	15/6/10
Total oversea trade £	56,595,000	73,754,000	92,130,000	146,449,746	230,912,971	130,555,755	b 216,224,968
" per head £	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/18/5	30/16/9
Customs and Excise duties £	4,809,326	7,440,869	8,656,530	13,515,005	27,565,199	28,524,996	53,939,752
" per head £	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/18/10
Principal Oversea Exports (d)—							
Wool .. { lb. (e) ..	328,369,200	619,259,800	518,018,100	720,364,900	927,833,700	893,644,148	(f)
" .. { cental ..	13,173,026	19,940,029	15,237,454	26,071,193	47,977,044	32,102,246	39,645,396
Wheat .. { £	3,218,792	5,876,875	12,156,035	33,088,704	59,968,334	76,440,603	(f)
" .. { £	1,189,762	1,938,864	2,774,643	9,641,608	25,644,155	19,220,203	9,247,826
Flour .. { tons	49,549	33,363	96,814	175,891	359,734	610,585	(f)
" .. { £	519,635	323,423	589,404	1,391,629	5,519,881	3,833,237	7,427,132
Butter .. { lb.	1,298,800	4,239,500	34,607,400	101,722,100	127,347,400	201,639,404	(f)
" .. { £	39,383	206,868	1,451,168	4,637,362	7,968,078	10,250,002	11,973,485
Hides and skins £	316,878	873,695	1,250,938	3,227,236	3,136,810	2,315,594	4,098,016
Tallow .. £	644,149	571,069	677,745	1,935,838	1,441,795	831,415	561,660
Meats .. £	362,965	469,894	2,611,244	4,303,159	5,542,102	6,370,012	15,815,920
Timber (undressed) £	118,117	38,448	731,301	1,023,960	1,158,166	432,595	429,199
Gold .. £	6,445,365	5,703,532	14,315,741	12,045,760	3,483,239	12,694,786	(f)
Silver and lead £	57,954	1,932,278	2,250,253	3,212,584	2,697,130	2,902,056	(f)
Copper .. £	676,515	417,987	1,619,145	2,845,961	705,358	472,468	(f)
Coal .. £	361,081	645,972	986,957	900,622	1,099,899	341,800	331,532
							1940-41.
Govt. Railways—							
Lgh. of line open, mls.	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,234
Capital cost .. £	42,741,350	99,764,090	123,223,779	152,194,603	244,353,233	323,365,450	321,235,071
Gross revenue £	3,910,122	8,654,085	11,038,468	17,847,837	38,194,630	37,579,965	52,325,223
Working expenses £	2,141,735	5,630,182	7,133,617	10,945,727	28,817,970	28,141,984	40,313,294
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	77.04
Postal—							
Letters and post-cards dealt with No.	67,640,000	157,297,000	220,853,000	453,063,000	561,973,105	g731,134,500	gh381,909,600
" per head ..	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	(h) 126.13
Newspapers dealt with No.	38,063,000	85,280,000	102,727,000	141,638,000	140,477,184	139,502,100	h 157,676,900
" per head ..	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	(h) 22.55
Cheque-paying Banks(i)—							
Note circulation £	3,978,711	4,417,269	3,399,462	3,718,458	(j) 213,868	197,121	k 166,725
Coin and bullion held £	9,108,243	16,712,923	19,780,528	33,470,770	21,626,832	2,382,026	k 3,796,853
Advances .. £	57,732,824	129,741,583	86,352,832	108,578,774	193,435,760	126,017,515	kl 323,388,324
Deposits .. £	53,849,455	98,345,338	91,487,148	143,446,910	m273,866,737	181,241,333	kl 461,798,140
Savings Banks (n)—							
Total deposits £	7,864,480	15,536,592	30,882,645	59,393,682	154,396,051	197,966,308	266,095,801
Aver. per head of population £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	37/7/10
State Schools					1921.	1931.	1939.
Number of Schools ..	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,940
Teachers .. No.	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	31,219
Enrolment ..	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	927,206
Aver. attendance ..	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,408	817,262	744,095

(a) 1938-39 figures. (b) Merchandise only. (c) British currency values. The recorded values were: Exports, 1931-32, £A109,034,065; and 1940-41, £A134,737,577, vide page 15. (d) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (e) In terms of greasy. (f) Not available for publication. (g) Includes packets. (h) 1939-40 figures. (i) Figures for the first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (j) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (k) Quarter ended December, 1941. (l) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (m) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits. (n) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June, except 1940-41-31st December, 1941.

